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editorial:

The whole concept of student participation in school administration is really rather a dubious one. Cynics may view it as an attempt to pacify radical elements in the School and present a progressive face to the outside world, (and cynicism is much in fashion at the moment). But even at a totally well-intentioned effort such as our own, criticisms can easily be levelled. Inevitably the Sixth-Form Council will accept suggestions of the powers-that-be and thus lay itself open to the accusation of its being merely a rubber stamp. Furthermore, those members of the School who most affect life at Haberdashers', the Prefects and Sub-Prefects, are free agents in many ways, acting at their own discretion: the real power which they wield far outshines in reality the influence of the Council, and so far from the latter producing a democracy, the former constitute an oligarchy (excluding, of course the staff).

What then is the Council's raison d'être? It is difficult to pin it down. It has no executive or 'legislative' powers, and therefore is purely advisory, a mouthpiece for the opinions of the boys of the school. Yet a goodly proportion of the motions submitted have been, to put it mildly, trifling. The writer recalls from personal experience three successive meetings of the Council at which a total of about one hour was wasted 'discussing' the merits and defects of Rugby teas, thus making it impossible to bring up more important points further down the list. If people insist on submitting that games be made permanently optional or that coloured shirts be permitted, the Council will never be much more than an opportunity for twenty-odd sixth-formers to relax in the chairs in the Headmaster's study; those who complain that it is merely a rubber stamp are the very people who refuse to give it fodder to get its teeth into. At present, the Council is much occupied with preparations for the Fete, and this offers another threat to its integrity – for we do not wish to see it become some type of perpetual ad-hoc committee, an appendage to any important School function in progress.

Perhaps one problem is that there is not much to discuss. Of all the topics listed on the suggestion-sheets only a very small proportion are practicable and constructive. Few who have attended the Council would say that every discussion has been fruitful – far from it. Perhaps it might function better if employed (as at some other schools) as a type of 'Parliamentary Commission' investigating School institutions, for example the house system, and suggesting possible reforms. (It is regrettable that the motion that the Council be abolished was not discussed – this might perhaps have elicited some interesting views on the Council's status). But remedies should be sought by the School at large; the editorial exists only to voice opinions, and the opinion that the Sixth-Form Council could be made a vital force in the School is one quite prevalent.

CHALLENGER to SKYLARK

I have been asked by *SKYLARK* to write an article concerning *CHALLENGER*, the first issue of which came out only three days ago. This article, then, will of necessity be largely speculation, or perhaps even an idealistic account of what I would personally like *CHALLENGER* to do.

Many questions plagued me throughout the past month, while *CHALLENGER* was still an intangible nonentity. Starting a newspaper from scratch is totally different from suddenly becoming the editor of a paper which has been thriving for 86 years (which was my situation with the newspaper of my American School, after which *CHALLENGER* has been modelled). It was a challenge to me not only in teaching the others how to go about publishing a newspaper, but also in having to produce the paper for an English audience – an audience which did indeed turn out to be far more critical and far harder to please than its American counterpart. Above all, however, was the problem of *CHALLENGER*'s co-existence with *SKYLARK*, for apparently the School magazine is an integral part of British School tradition.

To me the solution is not hard to seek. *SKYLARK* cannot successfully maintain reader interest by printing any items where time element is of major concern. For example, it is now February 26. Tomorrow I will turn this article in to *SKYLARK*, though you will not read it until July. And for all I know, by that time *CHALLENGER* may be bankrupt, editor-less, reader-less – completely gone with the wind.

Why does not *SKYLARK* limit itself to articles where the time element is irrelevant: creative writing; critical analyses of School life, of the School curriculum; students' artistic achievements? It devotes relatively tiny space to these things now, while emphasizing stale School news. The emphasis needs alteration.

CHALLENGER, on the other hand, strives to maintain a fair balance between School news and sporting events, with School opinion and features. As a periodic newspaper, however, its main function must be to relate accurate, unbiased coverage of news events. It will never include creative writing or any artistic talents, and it cannot devote space to feature topics until the news has been adequately covered.

With the first issue of *CHALLENGER* you were given a survey to complete asking your suggestions for the future. Many criticisms were valid and many suggestions have been adopted. All the surveys were read with care, though some suggestions may seem to have been ignored. Let that be justified.

One of the most common criticisms was that the size of each page of the paper was far too large. Although a quick glance at *CHALLENGER* would make it seem impossible, place a copy of *CHALLENGER* on top of an *EVENING STANDARD* and you will find that they are the same size. Rarely does one hear complaint that the size of those pages are too large! In addition, smaller pages would necessitate smaller headlines, as well as smaller and fewer photographs for reasons of balance.

Another common complaint was that the glossy coating on the paper was an unnecessary expense. It was suggested that using cheaper paper would be significantly less expensive to

permit more pages per issue. The glossy coating on the paper, however, costs approximately £5 for every 2000 copies. Five pounds extra per issue would hardly be enough money to allow more pages. Also, the quality of photographs is unquestionably sharpened on glossy stock.

Many surveys suggested student-designed crossword puzzles. Yet in most cases the same surveys demanded deletion of world news since that could be found in any daily paper. Are not crossword puzzles in any daily paper as well?

By the time you read this article, my period as Editor of *CHALLENGER* will be over. I think I can safely say that I will have tried my best not only to institute *CHALLENGER*, but also to improve it, arouse School interest in it, and leave behind a competent, eager staff to continue its publication so that like *SKYLARK*, it can establish itself as an essential organ of the School.

May I take this opportunity to extend special thanks to Martin Elman, my inhumanly-tolerant Managing Editor. He has been a tireless worker, a remarkably efficient and reliable colleague, and I hope that by now he has also become an experienced and polished journalist! Finally, I should like to thank sincerely all those who have contributed to, bought, and read *CHALLENGER* since its beginning last February. I hope you have profited as much from reading it as I have in producing it.

Bruce H. Husten. 6AM1

February 26, 1967

Common Room Notes

It was with great regret that we heard of the death of Professor Swinnerton, at the age of 91, on November 6th of last year. His achievements in the field of Geology and the Natural Sciences are well known, but it is the deep and kindly interest which he always showed in the life of this school that we shall especially remember. We extend our sympathy to Dr. and Mrs. Taylor, which is nonetheless sincere for appearing so late.

After almost a whole term's absence, due to illness, Mr. Baber has now returned to school and we wish him a conclusive recovery, at the same time thanking Mrs. Everson for her help in the Modern Languages Department and her presence in the Common Room while he was away. Also to be thanked, for their valuable help in the Prep. School, are Mrs. Graves and Miss Payne.

Although the Winter Issue will be saying our end-of-year farewells, it may be mentioned here that Mr. Creedy has been appointed H.M.I. for the Southend area, and that Mr. D'Arcy will also be leaving at the end of this term to work for the Nuffield Trust. Both are to be congratulated upon their appointments.

Not leaving but venturing are Mr. A. Taylor and Mr. Broderick who will be giving a course on Music and Art in Carinthia this summer, and Mr. Wrench and Mr. Yeabsley, both of whom have been playing in the pack for the Harlequins Rugby Football Club.

It is with pleasure and gratitude that we can give the figure of the Roger Dawtrey Memorial Fund as having so far totalled £1,434.7.1, and we should like to take this opportunity of thanking all those who have helped to raise this impressive sum.

And finally another combination of welcome and thanks. Mr. Goater has returned from his Sabbatical Term at London University and is once again at work in the Biology Department. Our best wishes go to Mr. Lanyon who deputised for him during the Spring Term and who, in a short space of time, made a great impression on the school through his friendliness and enthusiasm.

Here and There

"Have you seen that monstrosity on the other side of the quadrangle?" was the first remark I heard voiced in reference to the statue of St. George, made and donated by Mr. Broderick. Then still unfinished, St. George has since been given a face-lift ("but he HAS no face") and has acquired a polished sheen and a befitting base. We hope that he has now become an accepted part of the school landscape ... All rumours that he has been seen walking in the vicinity of the school grounds at the hour of midnight have been made up by irresponsible boarders and are completely unfounded.

Imports this year:

Bruce Husten from New York, U.S.A.
Steve Brawer from New Jersey, U.S.A.
Colin Stiasny from Rhodesia

Once again the school has a tea machine, to everyone's approval except the Prefects' who have to clean it out, replenish its stock and open it up every time some unfortunate youth gets a cup full of hot water. With the drudgery done by boys of the school, this new machine, which dispenses tea, coffee, chocolate and soup, cannot help but be an economic success, especially if the present sales are maintained, provided that no one interferes with its workings, necessitating a long period out of use. Offers of help willingly accepted.

Lunchtime charity football matches never fail to raise a large and enthusiastic crowd and the last two terms' matches have provided a correspondingly high standard of entertainment. The Staff have twice risen to the occasion and the Prefects succeeded in holding the usually more athletic Sub-Prefects to a draw. We look forward to next term's five-a-side competition.

For your coupons:

Staff Casuals	5 - 1	Fifth form XI
Prefects	2 - 2	Sub-Prefects
Staff Casuals	0 - 0	Prefects

For the last two terms the school library has been more or less out of use, due to its undergoing a process of reorganisation and reclassification. This is a most important task and it will, eventually, provide the School with a much more readily available selection of books than hitherto. However it seems a pity that, in the meantime, it should prove so difficult to locate essential books. Reclassification must surely make it apparent that some books are used more than others: so could not these have been returned much more speedily to the shelves?

There has been an extremely gratifying response to the appeal for community service which has been varied in its form. Decorating, constructing play centres, hospital visiting and collecting for Oxfam are amongst the most worthwhile projects and we must acknowledge with gratitude, the initiative taken by Mr. Barling in this extremely worthwhile field of activity

At the beginning of the Spring Term a rule of silence in the corridors was imposed during school hours, with a view to lessening the noise of traffic between one class and another and in order to enable double periods to be conducted in peace. It would appear that, in a short space of time, this sensible rule has been forgotten. Might it be suggested that a firm reminder be given before the more serious charge is made: — that the rule is being ignored?

The sums donated to various charities this term are as follows:—

Cancer	£16 - 7 - 8
General Collection	£14 - 4 - 6
UNICEF	£15 - 2 - 4
Autistic Children	£ 6 - 14 - 1
(Seniors only)	
RSPCA	£14 - 11 - 4
(Juniors only)	
For the Blind	£18 - 4 - 5
Total for term	£85 - 4 - 4

D.J A.



On 3rd Jan '67, the usual ski-ing party kicked off from Victoria Station with mixed feelings and high hopes. Once in the train, however, things settled down to a sense of quiet expectancy. Despite a rather trying night spent in a French railway carriage, we arrived at Maurach alive and energetic. After initial kitting-out of ski-equipment, and informing of times of meals etc., the boys were allowed a large amount of independence. The individual did what he liked when not ski-ing, but had some minor responsibilities. This hitherto unknown liberal behaviour on the part of the masters concerned certainly added to the enjoyment of the holiday, in the Hotel, and on the ski-slopes. Apart from the unfortunate result of schoolboy lightheadedness in the bedrooms, (Ja, ist, kaput) the all-too-short time passed successfully. All concerned gained fiendish delight from the fact that while they were doing a great many enjoyable things, many others were working hard at school.

R.J. Nash.

the Alberni String Quartet

The programme of the Alberni String Quartet's concert compares interestingly with that of the Prague Quartet who performed at the school last year. Both played Beethoven quartets of the same set (op. 18); both played contemporary Dvorak quartets, the Prague doing op. 105, the Alberni op. 106; and whilst the Czech players gave us Bartok, the Alberni gave us the English composer, Alan Rawsthorne.

I found the latter the most interesting. It was written especially for the Alberni Quartet and they played it with a dedication not so apparent in their interpretations of the other works. Its style is eclectic - pitched somewhere between Bartok and the English school - but it was most convincing and the performance was absorbing.

Opportunities to hear the works of British composers apart from the "Establishment" are all too rare.

The Dvorak was disappointing. It displays the composer's unfortunate tendency to prolixity, and whereas the Prague Quartet had, perhaps, enough nationalistic feeling to bring this type of work off, one tended at this performance to get lost in the massive developments and 'digressions'. However, no drawbacks were to be observed in the performance of the Beethoven. This work, although in C minor, has little feeling of solemnity about it, (there is for example no slow movement), and we were treated to a most enjoyable rendering of this beautifully - proportioned piece, although the size of the hall made the tone rather bleak on occasion.

Once again our thanks must go to the Radlett Music Club for organizing such first-class entertainment; we at Haberdashers' are extremely pleased and grateful that their concerts here have become an institution.

D.A. Conway.

the Roger Dawtrey Memorial Concert

Beverly Chester, the cellist, accompanied by Rosalind Bevan, gave a magnificent performance at this important occasion, at the end of which the Headmaster was able to announce that the Memorial fund had reached more than fourteen hundred pounds. A Vivaldi sonata opened the concert, and was followed by Beethoven's Handel variations and Brahms' E minor Sonata. Balance between cello and piano was always perfectly struck, although Mr. Chester gained the attention of the audience, for his complete involvement in the music made his playing interesting to watch as well as to listen to.

The second half opened with Faure's "Elegie" and continued with two short pieces by Schumann and a Shostakovich sonata. The concert was evidently well planned, for contrast in style was maintained without ever jumping two centuries between pieces and thus asking for large adjustments from the audience.

The Faure and the Schumann provided pleasantly relaxed listening before the Shostakovich. Here the players provided the most engaging performance of the evening, showing a strong sense of musical interdependence and a versatile covering of passages ranging from the most tense, normally associated with the composer, to an amusing passage of glissandos which punctuated the first movement.

But this was not all, for we were provided with two welcomed encores - a pretty piece which Mr. Chester said he played at his first school concert and a short but exquisite piece by Bach. The concert was thus successful both in its purpose and as a concert in its own right.

J.C.W. Edwards.

THE SCHOOL HARPSICHORD

From June 1963 to June 1966, the S.S.U. Music Group spent Friday evenings building a harpsichord for the school. The finished product was publicly played for the first time in the Summer Concert in 1966, and was on show on the Open Days that term.

During the three years of patent manufacture, there were long periods with no visible progress, followed by occasional dramatic changes in the shape and appearance of the body. The 'fallow' periods were required while such necessities as 108 strings and 108 jacks were made and fitted. (Each jack needed, on average, three hours of frustrating fiddling). The kit of parts from which the instrument was built consisted of a large number of odd shapes of wood and metal and only two ready-made parts (the keyboard and the soundboard - and even these had to be cut to size and adjusted). For this we paid about £95, and we estimate that the instrument as it stands is worth about twice that.

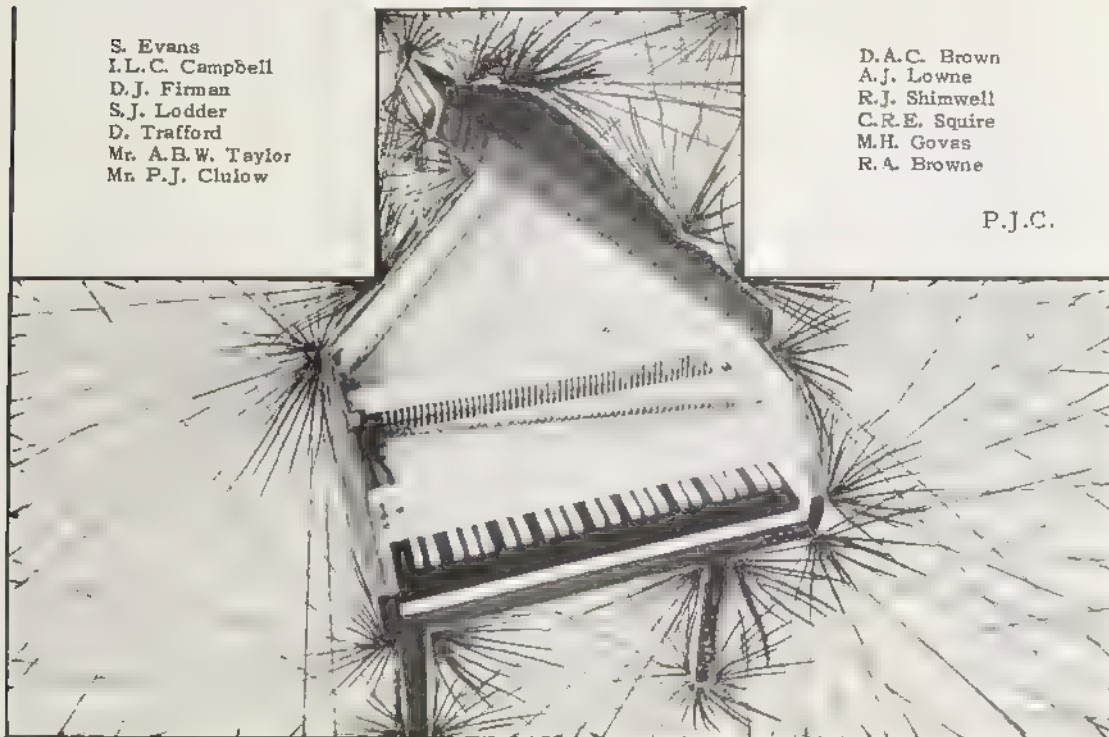
Although we are proud that the instrument was built by musicians rather than woodwork specialists, we are very grateful for the expert advice of Mr. Lear and Mr. Hickman, each time we met a difficulty, or cut the wrong piece in half.

The 'craftsmen' (whose names are recorded for posterity inside the instrument) were -

S. Evans
I.L.C. Campbell
D.J. Firman
S.J. Lodder
D. Trafford
Mr. A.B.W. Taylor
Mr. P.J. Clulow

D.A.C. Brown
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P.J.C.



modern geography

Geographers have, for many years, been perplexed by the major problem of deciding how best to present the material and data with which they are concerned. A variety of viewpoints have emerged to solve this problem and as a result many arguments have arisen, most of which have only served to complicate the situation. The important viewpoints are discussed below.

The traditional idea is that the geographer's aim is to distinguish convenient areas or regions and to systematically describe these, observing either similarities or contrasts. This approach includes the tedious description and memorizing of various rivers, place names, and products, as many parents doubtless recall, but this 'capes and bays' geography also involves the search for interrelationships between man and his environment. There are those who hold the opinion that a number of forces control and dictate these relationships and those who challenge this, arguing that man's environment has numerous potentialities, which may be developed or ignored at man's discretion.

Both these regional and 'ecological' views outlined above, are however, qualitative, i.e. they depend to a large extent upon description. The major opposition to this descriptive approach has come from geographers who argue that location and patterns of distribution should dominate the geographer's study. This viewpoint is more quantitative, and demands far greater use of mathematics and statistics. The geographer's problem is complex, and it appears that only by extensive employment of geometrical techniques can he begin to progress satisfactorily.

In attempting to solve this complexity, the more progressive schools of geographers in this country and the U.S.A. have evolved the concept of models. These models are, in effect, simplifications of reality proposing fundamental laws and represent an idealized version of what the observer actually sees. They suggest what might be, rather than what is, and the geographer uses his model to compare with what he sees on a map or on the ground, thereby testing the validity of his hypothesis.

To some extent geographical studies necessitate an assessment of man's behaviour and, as his judgement is often uncertain and irrational, the idea of 'chance' elements in geography is certainly valid. The geographer is justified in using models to predict patterns, trends and movements in geography and both prediction and models are destined to play vital parts in the future of geography.

The prospects for geography are, then, exciting and, providing more support is gained for these new ideas, which are as yet relatively unknown, the geographer will make rapid and confident progress. Geography as taught in most schools is, however, still too traditional and descriptive, and until geographers forget old ideas, progress can only be slow.

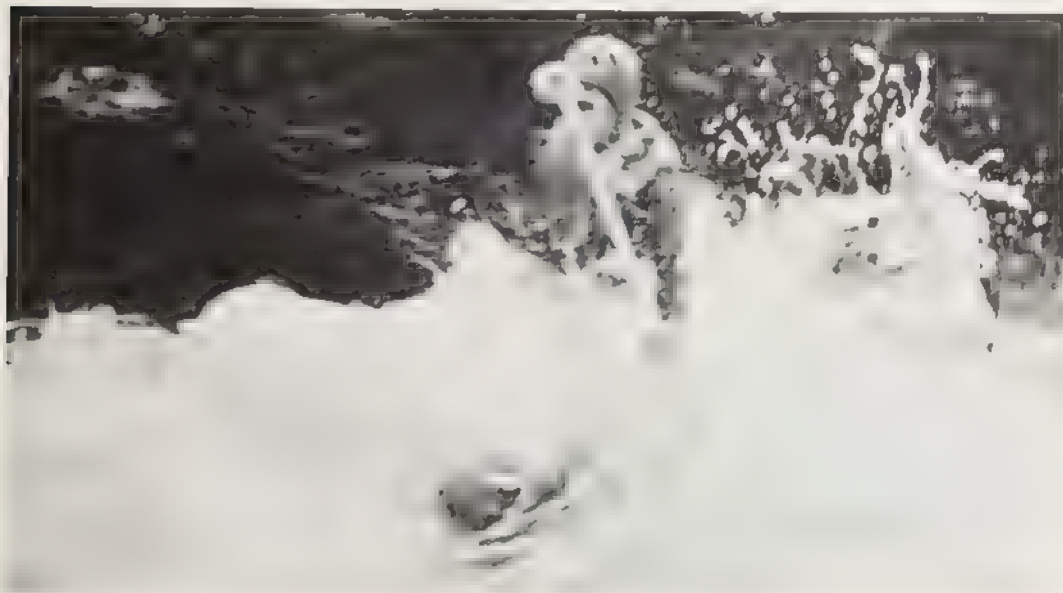
A. Gatrell 6B'M

CANOE TRIP FEBRUARY 1967

A weekend jaunt is not unusual to many Canoe Club members, but this particular journey was more eventful than others due to the extraordinary weather conditions encountered.

Three of us left London, early on the morning of Friday 17th February, with three canoes, a ridiculously large amount of luxury camping equipment and enough chocolate and biscuits to keep an Antarctic expedition for a month. Thanks to the generosity of David Rosenthal's parents, we were able to stay at their cottage near Harlech in North Wales, although by the time of our arrival we had already encountered snow and hail in the mountains. Later in the evening we collected a not-so-Old Haberdasher Paul Edwards, who could no longer resist the temptation of joining us on another trip. Having driven from London to Harlech, Harlech to Machynletta in South Wales and back to Harlech we slept heavily, perhaps dreaming of the swollen rivers we had seen en route.

Saturday morning dawned bright and fresh (i.e. freezing cold but sunny) and having shopped, resisted the temptation of buying tinned octopus, and cleaned up the cottage we drove off in the direction of the Fiver Dee. We had experienced this river last autumn in a wild water race, but never much above Llangollen. David, John Albert and I started a rather disappointing journey down the river about 12 miles upstream. The weather was cold, and the high water had obviously obliterated many small entertaining rapids, the few that remained were of moderate excitement. At the Chain Bridge we swapped shift drivers; Paul disappeared in a cloud of spray down the Serpent's Tail, and I followed — with apprehension. The experience was breathtaking — the river was high, the rapid monstrous and the weather cold. John and Paul succumbed to the temptation of publicity and shot the Tail again for a group of cine photographers on the bank. We continued downstream to Llangollen, where we packed up in the pouring rain having shot nearly half a dozen weirs and drops.

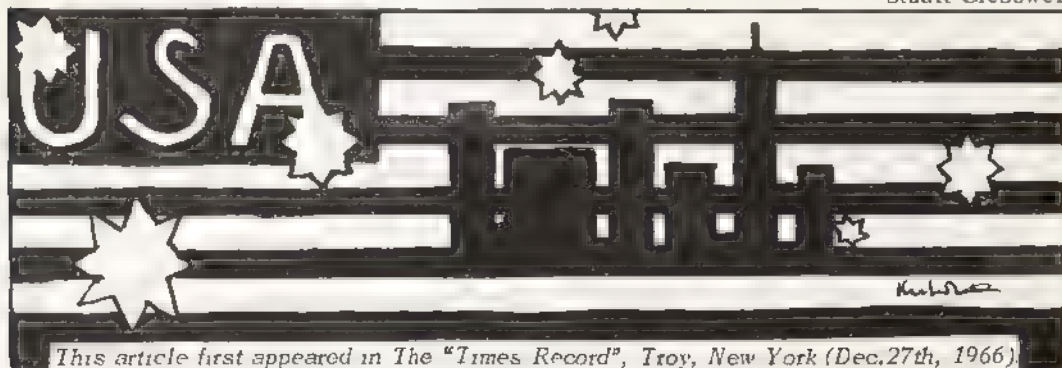


On Saturday night a peculiar spate of sickness hit three members on the trip, consequently a late start was made on Sunday morning for the Upper Wye. David, the only unaffected canoeist, had sprained his wrist, so he was only able to shoot the Rocks with John and myself before handing over to Paul. We shot the rapid once more — it was very bracing — and arranged to meet David at Erwood. The river was, again, disappointingly flat, with a few heavy rapids occasionally breaking up the monotony. It was still raining, and we only just reached Erwood Bridge by dusk; the rain turned to hail, and we turned to the Wimpy Ear in Hereford. Having been exposed to the banalities of the outside world, Paul necessarily had to return to work by Monday morning; at the time of writing we are unsure whether he ever was able to reach Bristol by the next morning — he had missed the last train.

David, John and I decided to return to the Wye where we had left off, in order to attempt Llanstephan rapids on Monday before we left. We spent a surprisingly comfortable night in a tent by the side of the road, but on waking we found that the icy rain was still falling, and the prospect of donning wet wet-suits was too much for our flattened constitutions.

We arrived home bedraggled but reasonably satisfied and a few pounds worse off, on Monday evening.

Stuart Cresswell



This article first appeared in The "Times Record", Troy, New York (Dec. 27th, 1966)

Academic Challenges Vary for British School Pup Is By BRUCE H. HUSTEN

The Haberdashers' Aske's School, situated only a few miles outside of London, educates 1100 boys yearly, of whom 72 are boarders. Students range in age from seven in the junior forms to 19 in the Sixth Forms. "Habs" is called a Direct Grant School, meaning that 25 percent of its students have their tuition paid for them by the government. In its basic goals and achievements, Habs is, however, a private, college preparatory school.

I received the Habs catalogue while completing my senior year at Williston Academy in Easthampton Mass., and having read it, asked myself where I was going. How would I be able to wear a uniform every day which consisted of starched shirt with detachable, stiff collar, different shoes for indoors and outdoors, specific outer coat, and school cap? How was I going to react to the fagging system whereby a younger boy actually serves as an older one's slave? Was I able to keep a strict diary of how much preparation I did per night per course? And how could I get along with these boys who did nothing but read, study and play rugby in freezing weather? I was a bundle of mixed emotions as I left home.

Catalogue Is Propaganda

The catalogue turned out to be propaganda, and I am told that at most British schools — and fortunately at Habs — this image of British private schools being steeped in the tradition of Spartan rigidity is, as they would say over here, "a load of rubbish."

Academically, Habs has it way over the average American secondary school of any sort. But the academic challenge is a far different one. Grades are insignificant, for everything is geared toward passing national exams known as O (ordinary) and A (advanced levels). Boys take O levels at 16. These

are the culmination of factual studies of many subjects which will lead to the detailed analysis that follow with A levels at 18. These exams involve a rigorous analysis of the specialized subject matter, and unlike the American system, provide a basis for the chosen major in college rather than a general study of every field of education. College boards are the only things that in principle are the same as these exams. Yet they differ in that one cannot study for college boards, since they measure aptitude more than achievement. A level exams, however, reveal just how much work a student has done throughout his British education.

Sophisticated Air

The English classroom is saturated with a far more sophisticated air of intellectuality than its American counterpart. Masters are relentless in assigning written essays, and further, they demand a more critical analysis than the rare composition work done in America. Boys are more responsive, responsible, and articulate, no doubt as a result of the vast amount of intensive reading they do. Rarely is any course of study based on a factual textbook. And the situation is ironic, for school library facilities here are so inadequate that boys really must go out of their way to find detailed and critical reading materials which all their courses demand.

If English schools are academically superior, American Schools produce a more wellbounded person. There are school magazines and bands and drama clubs over here, yet they play a very minor role in the curriculum. Extra-curricular activities are less respected, less active, less important and less numerous. (In this respect, however, Habs is the exception. Extra-curriculars are increasingly important, but not yet as significant, for example, as at Williston).

Athletics here are important, yet they serve a different role. Boys play rugby or cricket as physical training rather than for competitive enjoyment. They play in the rain or in the cold, and have a much narrower range of sports offered from which to choose.

The British schoolboy goes to school solely to get an academic education and to be trained physically; the American gets a comparatively second-rate education, but learns to become a more versatile citizen in the process. He works for and respects his school instead of simply existing within it. And academically, his knowledge is more general. In short, the American knows less about more, while the Englishman knows more about less.

Emphasizes Math, Science

Habs itself, however, lies between the two extremes. It is leading the way for the English private school into the Twentieth Century. In essence, Habs is trying to de-specialize its curriculum and emphasize the maths and sciences rather than such cultural traditions as Latin and Greek. It has instituted a course known as General Studies which meets six periods weekly, and though still far from being completely successful, it is certainly a daring move away from British tradition and a step toward modern, practical education. Habs is, in fact, Americanizing, but maintaining academic excellence in the process.

There are two areas of the English education system in general which I am vehemently against. The first is the relationship between student and teacher. Outside the classroom there is hardly any connection between those who teach and those who learn. One cannot brush this off by pointing to the senility of the faculty here, for at Habs the majority of the teachers are well under 35. It is not a case of snobbery, merely tradition. But to the outsider who is accustomed to a genuine harmony between instructor and learner, this detachment may be initially offensive.

Prefects Govern School

Then there are the prefects. Traditionally, prefects are the group of students chosen by the administration to govern the school. Prefects parade around in their gowns and give detentions to underclassmen who surprisingly idolize these superiors. They have their own headquarters in the school where there is heat, sometimes a refrigerator and a stove, a radio, record player and comfortable chairs. In many schools each prefect has his own "fag" — an underclassman assigned specifically to him to shine his shoes, carry his books, or do anything his master commands. The prefect system requires these boys to play a false role, to be something they are not. The goal is admirable, but it would be better achieved if they were an elected body chosen to communicate suggestions to the administration. The unfortunate fact is that in most cases, the prefects are the natural leaders, the friendliest, the ones who would in fact be elected by their fellow students. But the system ruins them.

Yet again I must hasten to defend Habs, for everyone there has recognized the weaknesses of the system, and it is rapidly decaying. At Habs there are no fags, and the prefects wear their gowns only during morning assembly. After that they undergo an incredible metamorphosis to become ordinary students until the next morning assembly. It's a step in the right direction.

I believe these are the facts with some bias mixed in. It boils down to one's definition of an education. In America, it means a total experience - formal and informal schooling to develop personality and versatility as well as academic, intellectual training. And doubtless America does a top-rate job at doing it. But in England the goal is purely academic. Schools aim to develop the intellect and leave the rest to the individual. And doubtless they too do a jolly good job at that.

Mt. Hermon School to Haberdashers

by David C. Burnham

"So you're going to teach in England for a year! At what School will you teach?"

"Haberdashers' Aske's School."

"Excuse me, what did you say?"

Invariably my tongue would trip even more the second time I said the name. Such bits of conversation took place frequently in the months before I left the United States, and it was a relief to get to England and have Haberdashers' Aske's become a tangible part of my life rather than a remote name on a stumbling, Yankee tongue.

First impressions were of surprise and pleasure. I had expected a city school but found myself walking down a chestnut-lined lane through country pasture. I crossed a pond on an arched bridge and came to a spacious lawn of a deep emerald seldom seen in America. Looking up, I saw a stately manor house. It was not hard to imagine that I had stepped back at least a century and that Black Beauty might be at the door with Squire Gordon about to step into the gig. Was this the same England which had kept my luggage suspended between ship and shore, so that Southampton dockmen could have a twenty-minute tea break at 9 a.m., half an hour after they had come to work? England, I soon discovered, was a country of contrasts.

It was a lovely manor house, but where was the School? It took a little searching to find the flat-roofed, serpentine structure where the main business of the establishment took place. It took me still longer to learn my way around and I am still discovering short cuts. There were also intricacies of terminology to unravel. I did not quickly grasp that a "house" at H. A. is an office with two adjacent classrooms, that the School "bath" is not intended primarily for washing, and that a "common" room is a very restricted area indeed.

The inevitable hour came when I had to enter the classroom and find out whether I could peddle my wares successfully in an atmosphere where I was the only one with a normal accent. I learned to my dismay that I was not automatically in tune with my market. For one thing the dispensing of knowledge appears to move at a more leisurely pace in England. I took myself too seriously and tried too hard to make each moment count. English, I gradually learned, is not the major subject here that it is in America. There, students are especially responsive to the English teacher because he holds their fate in his hands more than any one teacher. University admission is based more on a boy's progress in English than upon any other subject. Not only is English the dominant subject but it has to compete with only four or five other subjects each year, instead of eight or nine. In short, an English teacher (before Sixth Form) cannot expect his pupils here to do as much prep or to take the classroom experience as seriously as their American counterparts. The teacher of English here does have one big advantage, however. He can more easily make English fun. In America the external pressure may make a boy a rather accurate analyst of a comic Shakespearean scene but it may also destroy his sense of humour.

It has been said that boys are the same all over the world, I suspect that in a few ways they are, but certainly they are not always predictable in the classroom. There is, I believe, a somewhat greater wall between students and teachers in England than there is in America — though with notable exceptions at H.A. In my own teaching I tried to break down this wall, but there was a lot to get used to on either side: manners of speaking, pronunciations, past experience, levels of expectation, etc. I don't believe a man can teach well until he has some empathy with his students' private world. All this takes time. A good working relationship developed most quickly with the younger boys, the Third and Fourth Forms. Fifth Forms proved more difficult partially, I believe, because of the stifling influence of having set books for "O" level. Both students and teacher are reluctant to explore the broader pathways of literature when just a little more repetition of a set book might make the difference between a pass or a failure.

It is disturbing that the desire to please seems to wane steadily as a boy proceeds into his teens, but I suspect this trait is characteristic of boys the world over. Yet I was not prepared for what I encountered in General Studies and Religious Instruction. Though I had serious courses to present, the boys did not respond well. Their tendency to disregard these courses denoted a lack of intellectual curiosity that was unexpected. Americans have the belief that English boys have a broader outlook on life than American boys, and I was disappointed to find this image not valid. I found instead a preoccupation with particular fields of "A" level study but little ability to relate, or desire to relate, this knowledge to the world as a whole. If one does get a good discussion going in class, it is by accident and comes "off the top of the head", not as the direct result of new knowledge being attained in course. I don't blame the boys entirely for these shortcomings, and certainly not the School. Perhaps it is just too much to expect that two rather idealistic course concepts can be successfully grafted onto an otherwise essentially utilitarian system of education.

Some of the adjustments which I had to make were not necessarily due to a change of country but to a change from a boarding school to a mainly day school. I have missed the many opportunities which boarding schools provide to get to know boys really well. I wish I were going home with a clearer understanding of the problems faced by the English schoolboy and of the process by which he develops his outlook on life. Based on ten months in England I will humbly make a few comparisons. American boys grow up too fast on the outside and often do not have the inner resources to cope with the situations they meet. English boys seem to mature more slowly but with a better balance between the inner and the outer man. Though English boys seem more naive at, say, the age of 15, I don't think they really are. On the other hand, there is a strain of optimism and idealism in American youth which I have not found among the majority of older boys at Haberdashers. Though young people in both countries are rebelling rather more than is normal, the English boy tends to rebel in moderation. His American cousin goes to greater emotional extremes. He is more "wild," less predictable, but more friendly and open nonetheless; and at the same time as he rebels against authority, he seems to me more willing to seek out individual adults whom he feels he can trust in order to "talk out" his problems.

There is less emphasis on sports at Haberdashers than there is at American boarding schools where the morale of the whole School varies quite a bit according to the fortunes of the major teams. Haberdashers avoids this pitfall and is no doubt right in doing so, though I think a compromise between the two systems would be best. The non-athlete at home has more difficulty fitting in and feeling a part of things than he does here. Talent and dedication in music, dramatics, and art are considered of equal worth at Haberdashers to talent in sports. The quality of work in these areas is superior to what is done at home. *Romeo and Juliet*, for example, was more skilfully performed than any similar production I have seen in the United States. The opportunities provided by Haberdashers for training in music surprised me, as did the number of boys who diligently continue this training through the teen years.

From what I have said about sports it would be wrong to draw the conclusion that American boys do not spend as much time on their schoolwork as boys at Haberdashers. I do not feel that there are many boys in the Sixth Forms who work under the same pressure as American boys their age in good schools do. One reason for this difference is that the boys here have had a better background in the early years of school. English education is constantly selecting the brightest boys and pushing them along. American education is slanted toward bringing out the maximum in the average student. Thus the bright, ambitious boy in an American boarding school, or in the fast track of a good High School, has to work hard to make up for a considerable amount of lost time. The other reason for the relatively slower pace over here is that the older boys are not under the same pressure to excel in a general way. They are not asked to be all-around men — not to the same extent. They are asked to have proved their aptitude and proficiency in only one general area of study. One doesn't have to be a student leader, editor of the newspaper, star athlete, or even a "good guy" to be admitted to a university here — though these attri-

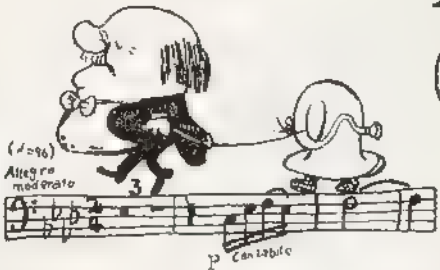
butes help. One does have to be a scholar, at least in a limited sense. To get into a good University in the United States one had better have a pretty good range of extracurricular activities as well as very high marks.

I write these words at the end of the Spring Term and wonder to myself whether they will still seem valid when I leave the School in July. As I come to understand more, I may regret a few of my present statements and simply smile at others. One basic feeling, however, I know will not change. This has been one of the most rewarding years of my life and an extremely valuable experience for the whole family. My three boys in Prep 1, 10/6 and 1/9 may not fully realize it now but they have been receiving a far better education at their levels than they would receive almost anywhere in the United States. It is in this rich programme offered to younger boys that Haberdashers truly stands out. I have visited many schools in England this year. I do not fully accept the English educational system. But within that system Haberdashers is clearly an extraordinary School, offering wonderful opportunities and looking to the future with open eyes.

There ought to be many more teachers and students crossing the Atlantic. When I return to my own School, Mount Hermon, I will urge each student to plan on a year abroad somewhere in his education. There is a great value in gaining a degree of empathy with another country, but perhaps the experience of looking at one's own country from a distance is of even greater significance. I certainly have a better-defined picture of the United States, its history and its culture, its weaknesses and its strengths, than I ever did before. It has been embarrassing at times to look at America through English eyes. There is certainly much to be embarrassed about. But it is also frustrating to discover that so little of the real America ever reaches England. Gawking tourists, fat cars looking cumbersome on English roads, Batman, and the average newspaper or television report do not give a fair picture of America. Do pay us a visit as soon as you can.

For my part, I shall take my last walk down the carriage path with a feeling of very real nostalgia concerning a happy, meaningful year that has gone too quickly by.

The McLellan Cup



Thursday 16th March — 4.15 p.m.
Adjudicator — Dr. Sidney Watson

The competition this year was reasonably successful musically, with a fairly consistent satisfactory standard shown by most groups - particularly of course the finalists. The number of entrants was slightly reduced from the record of last year but the one really disappointing feature was the absence of choral and jazz/pop groups. Lack of initiative accounted for the former and a dearth of talent possibly for the latter. The disappointment is made more acute when one remembers the high standard and success of both these ensembles in last years' competition.

The 7 finalists, this year adjudicated by Dr. Sidney Watson of Christ Church, Oxford, were generally relaxed in performance and, apart from the young Woodwind and Cello group, played confidently. They were all praised for their competent technique and musicianship and as always the winners were difficult to pick. However, for the third year running, the Brass group, (D. Clarke, J. Launer, A. McGregor, M. Williams) directed by John Launer, walked off with the cup, but one felt (and they too) that their standard was not so high as in previous years. In Dr. Watson's view, it was still good enough to win.

A portent for the future was Michael Collier's violin playing, accompanied by Stephen Lodder. The technique was almost flawless and if the playing had contained a little more colour, the Brass group's monopoly would surely have been broken.

So near on so many previous occasions, and again this year - were the violinists, David Isaacs, Stephen Lodder and their accompanist David Trafford. The first movement of the Vivaldi Concerto was played with great assurance by these senior musicians and only a slight lack of ensemble and very occasionally balance, prevented a string group from winning the cup for the first time.

In fact the highlight of this year's competition was the advent of the violinists. For the first time, three string groups reached the final and between them secured 2nd, 3rd and 4th places - a highly creditable achievement, considering the difficulty of their medium.

One's hopes for next year are that the renaissance of the String groups will be continued with ever increasing energy and that the Woodwind and Choral groups will also come back into prominence. In this way we shall have a more balanced competition which will be more representative of the variety of musical activity that takes place in this school. Young musicians particularly, please note.

A.B.W.T.

1.	Brass Quartet	Sonatinas and Fugue — Gottfried Reiche D. Clarke, J. Launer, A. McGregor, M. Williams
2.	Two Violins & Piano	Concerto for 2 violins (1st movement) Vivaldi D. Isaacs, S. Lodder, D. Trafford.
	Violin and Piano	Sonata movement Geminiani Serenade Op.3 Haydn M. Collier and S. Lodder.
4.	Violin and Piano	Sonata 2 movements Veracini D. Isaacs and D. Trafford.
5.	Organ Trumpet Trombone	Processional Matthias D. Firman, D. Clarke, A. McGregor.
6.	Trombone Duet	2 movements Clodomir A. McGregor and M. Williams
7.	Woodwind & Cello	Minuet Cox Gavotte Bach J. Zangwill, A. Rudd, D. Bressloff, M. Angell.

community service

Despite its recent burst of activity community service is not a new innovation at school. For many years past it has been carried out through regular charity collections and through projects organised by the S.S.U. Yet it is only in the last year that the plentiful goodwill shown in the school has been harnessed and channelled, under Mr. Barling's direction, into specific "community service" projects.

The first trickle of projects began early in 1966 and they were all associated with Springbok House — a convalescent wing of Edgware Hospital for the elderly. They started on an unambitious scale with our folk music group entertaining the old people and a small working force knocking down a partition wall in order to convert two small rooms into a sizeable lounge. Then in the summer holidays we tackled our first major project which was the complete redecoration of two of the bedrooms at Springbok House. At first we had doubts as to whether we would be able to finish the task in the four days we had allocated ourselves but in fact the rooms were finished with plenty of time to spare and the end result, to our surprise, looked quite professional.

From then on the projects flowed in fast and furious and we were happily able to cope with most of the calls for help we received. During the Christmas holidays ('66-'67) we carried out a record number of tasks. The major one was the redecoration of the kitchen and bedroom of an old lady's house in Wealdstone. The old lady was at the time convalescing at Springbok House and her house was in such a state that she could not really be moved back there. The first party of boys worked for two days clearing the rooms out, washing them down, stripping the paintwork and preparing them for the decorators. Then our decorating party moved in and for the second two day period they slapped up paint, lining paper, paste and the wallpaper proper. The final result certainly did not look as good as our Springbok House task of the summer, but the transformation was quite amazing, and we have since heard that the psychological improvement in the lady's condition has matched this.

Besides this decorating project there were four or five other tasks over Christmas. These included delivering coal and Xmas parcels to the elderly, helping in a hospital on Christmas Day, and taking some of the old people from Springbok House to an Ice Show ("Sleeping Beauty") at Wembley. Since then we have enlarged the scope of our projects even further and are now helping in several flag days and organising regular visits to Shenley Hospital.

In the future it is hoped that we can maintain the number and variety of the projects we undertake. We are willing to try anything if it can be of any service to those less fortunate than ourselves and we welcome all offers of help or pleas for assistance. Finally I think our thanks should be given to Mr. Barling who has organised and supervised all the projects we have so far tackled. I hope that we will be able to take much of the administration work off his hands in the near future.

Andrew Dean.



On Dec. 20th and Dec. 21st, in the School Hall, a cast of ten members of staff and two staff wives gave performances of *The Hollow Crown*, 'An Entertainment by and about the Kings and Queens of England', originally devised by John Barton, in charge of verse-training at the Stratford Memorial Theatre. On both evenings, large audiences thoroughly enjoyed the performances and the fund for improving the lighting of the School stage benefited by more than £50.

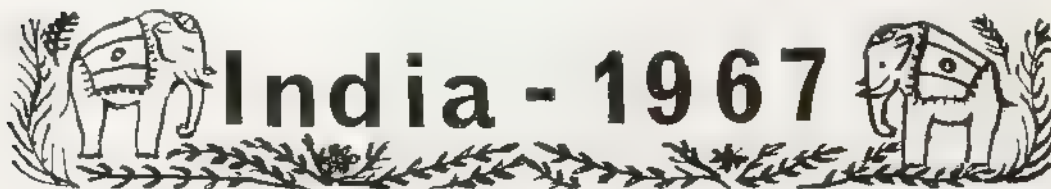
The Hollow Crown is not a play but an anthology of monarchy, resourceful, adroit, humorous, even sardonic, ranging from the vivid Anglo-Saxon chronicle through young Jane Austen's engagingly naive assessments of monarchs of the late medieval and early modern period down to Queen Victoria's private journal. The anthology includes letters, poems, speeches, play extracts, and music; there is thus plenty of variation of matter and mood to keep an audience attentive — even enthralled. And the skill and artistry of this production offered much to delight both ear and indeed eye. This was achieved without pretension, with the cast wearing evening dress, (and very nice they all looked) and occasionally taking light refreshment (wisely the choice appeared to be wine, not water as specified in the original production.) Who would have thought that this was the way to summon up past glories? Yet it worked; *The Hollow Crown* thrives on limitations of costume and scenery.

Every member of the cast shared in the triumph. Simon Stuart gave us a beautifully spoken prologue, and his full-blooded counterblast to tobacco was a vast improvement on James I. His voice and personality were admirably suited to some of the more sophisticated items. Keith Dawson used his voice most effectively throughout, especially as Henry VIII complacently reading one of his own poems, *Green groweth the Holly* Pat D'Arcy and Marjorie Dawson, required to display a wide vocal range, achieved this with genuine feeling and insight. John Mole brought an attractively ironic quality to his readings, though at the start he was not quite as audible as he might have been. Peter Squire and Michael Fitch found a rich comic vein in the scene where Henry VII requires some information about the shape of a possible future spouse, the young Queen of Naples. Peter Squire and Keith Dawson also did very well in the trial of Charles I, together achieving a most vigorous piece of theatre. However in some respects it was Michael Fitch that one remembers most, who revealed a deft and genuine humour that was most infectious. His voice and facial expression were excellent throughout, especially as Horace Walpole attending the funeral of George II.

The musicians had many delightful moments. Tony Clark, who was in especially good voice, Roy Hedge and Roger Wakely all sang mellifluously in the *Agincourt Song*, vigorously with a chorus in 'Here's a Health unto his Majesty', and jollily in *The Vicar of Bray*. Roy Hedge sang the *Victorian Ballad to an Absent Friend*, with a background of a group composed as in a Victorian photograph. The two excellent accompanists were Peter Clulow, especially effective at the harpsichord, and Alan Taylor, who as pianist provided a gorgeous Hely-Hutchinson type of setting to *The Vicar of Bray*. Together they brought the house down with a brilliant set of variations on *God Save the Queen*.

This was a most successful enterprise, elegant and civilised. All credit must go to the youthful cast of twelve — especially in view of the short time that could be given to rehearsals. Certainly this anthology was a good choice for the first of what we hope will be similar ventures in the future. For within the Hollow Crown 'the antic sits, scoffing at the state and grinning at the pomp of kings and queens.' The readers did not play the antic, speaking mainly with reserve and formality. This was wisely done, to bring home to us all the frailty of a long line of royal persons from William I to Queen Victoria more effectively.

R.A.L.



Each year the National Cadet Corps of India invite the U.K. to send three cadets out to India for three weeks to attend the Republic Day Celebrations and this year I was lucky enough to be selected as the Royal Naval CCF representative.

The first ten days were spent in Delhi, witnessing the various parades, sightseeing and visiting such officials as the Prime Minister and Defence Minister before touring North and Central India by train, visiting military academies and seeing the country generally.

As part of our programme we had breakfast with Mrs. Gandhi at her official residence in Delhi and spent about an hour chatting quite informally with her and her elder son, Rajiv. An hour is not really long enough to get a fair impression of someone like Mrs. Gandhi but we all came away thinking how friendly and unassuming these top officials were.

We also met the Defence Minister, Swaran Singh, and attended a reception given by the President in the Mughal Gardens, the grounds of his palace which until 1947 was occupied by the Viceroy.

The first thing we noticed on arrival in India was how British the place was. Almost everything is run on British lines though with one very important difference. Chaos. Everywhere one turns one meets with disorganisation and inefficiency. The scale of their problems has to be seen to be believed. Perhaps the main thing lacking is leadership. Indian society, from what we saw of it, seems to breed conservatism and the lack of initiative, sense of urgency and the ability to grasp the problems in hand.

The country has great wealth and tremendous possibilities, as can be seen from some of the scientific programmes being carried out, but these are at present being counterbalanced by this population and food problem.

If India can get her priorities right and really worry about her immediate problems then perhaps she will get into top gear and from there a great future lies ahead.

This is the hope for India and I can only pray that the potential of this fascinating and absorbing country and its people will be realised to the full.

Getting back to the visit itself, although we were treated as VIP's there were many times when we broke through any level of officialdom that might have existed and managed to see things for ourselves.

One of the most amusing and perhaps embarrassing incidents was when we decided to get acquainted with some Indian girls at the National Stadium in Delhi. We were supposed to have been there for a programme of folk music and dancing but found the prospect of 500 NCC girl cadets more promising. Unfortunately there were also present 1500 NCC boy cadets, segregated though by a line of Gurkhas and on our fraternising or "soransing" with the girls, the boys all got up and moved towards us. No-one thinks twice about using his truncheon or "pick-axe handle" in India and soon these poor cadets were in what could have developed into a pitched battle. The Commandant of the contingent had to come down, order them back to their seats and then tell them how they must behave in front of their guests!

Other impressions brought back were of choosing the coolies to carry our baggage on the trains — countless would appear at each station — and then haggling the prices afterwards, and also the time when we were nearly run over by a train whilst sunbathing on the track on the return to Delhi from Bombay. Our train had just stopped in the middle of nowhere so we all got out for a rest — when in Rome Unfortunately an express suddenly appeared and there followed a frenzied scramble back into our coach, through a ridiculously small door.

We had a grand time seeing the country and meeting the people (and living like lords) and I only hope I get the opportunity to return again sometime.

Robin Farley

ROMEO and JULIET

For anyone who saw Simon Stuart's 1964 production of *The Tempest*, the idea of coming to see his *Romeo and Juliet* this year was both inviting and intriguing. Could he, or Haberdashers' (even with North London), do as well again, or better? *The Tempest* had been a remarkably fine production, extremely enjoyable, altogether excellent in conception, though rather let down by one or two of the performances. *Romeo*, in the event, could only be faulted in performance by very high standards indeed, and even then only rarely, but here and there the overall interpretation of Shakespeare's play was a little odd. The strangest scene of all was undoubtedly the mad riot of festival into which the bewildered Romeo walks in Mantua. The first night I went, my neighbour had to tell me that it was Mantua, and the next evening I challenged a knowledgeable companion to tell me what could possibly be going on, and again had to tell him myself in the end. It was not the actor's fault, either, that it was very difficult to see just what relationship really existed between Friar Laurence and his two young charges. This remained obscure to me from Romeo's apparent contempt for the Friar's concern with his herbs when they first met to the Friar's sudden absconding from the consequences of his actions at the grave, as suddenly followed by his reappearance blessing the reconciled Montague and Capulet at the end. And the sudden catastrophic reversal which then took place seemed to me unprepared for by anything we had seen earlier in the behaviour of the Prince or his followers.

But these are the small bewilderments of an obtuse critic, balanced and overbalanced a hundred times by the successes of the production. To mention first again the ideas that must have been part of the overall conception, I thought one of the high moments was Romeo's declaration of his love to Juliet by handing up his cloak to her on the balcony. "If thou dost love, pronounce it faithfully" — but words have been overweighted by their content, and as in *Anna Karenin* Levin has to declare his love to Kitty by soundlessly writing the initial letters of his proposal on the card-table cloth, so Romeo anticipated the weakness of oaths, by moon, stars or self, with this splendid gesture of total commitment to his love. And, earlier, the self-conscious rhyming of Romeo's sonnetting for Rosaline was well pointed by having him read the lines aloud from his tablets, and still better was the playing down of Benvolio's ineffective words of comfort by having them repeated like a school lesson (not one of Mr. Stuart's?) until Romeo chipped in too, to end it.

Throughout the first half, in fact, lightness and seriousness were excellently counter-pointed to lead to love and death. After that, the sustaining of the emotion rested more squarely on the actors' shoulders, while the attempts to play love and death themselves against each other were less successful, and we must rather consider how the actors took the weight of their responsibility.

In fact, every one of the minor parts was at least adequately played to support the major roles and the overall conception, while some quite minor players did much more than this. Geoffrey Baruch's Peter, for instance, was an admirable male foil to the Nurse; Mercutio's page was ready quite literally to support him in the "Queen Mab" speech, and it was not difficult to imagine Nicholas Withford's fussy Friar John vainly beating at the locked door of his plague house. Jeremy Ubysz's Tybalt was indeed fiery, and the duel with Mercutio was most exciting, though his playing of the role made it difficult to see why the old Nurse should have lamented his death quite as much as she did. The Prince of Verona was a most ambiguous character in this production, and wavered so strangely between weakness and tyranny that it would have taken any actor's utmost skill to make him a plausible figure. Peter Gatrell made the most of his difficult task — not much helped, I thought, by an oddly cushion-like crown, which was almost the only poor feature in the otherwise excellent costuming. George Davis's Paris and David Goy's Montague carried conviction as aristocrats of Verona, their lives somewhat bedevilled by their rank and their inheritance of feuding, but John Launer's Old Capulet went beyond this, and conveyed very well the transformations from angry, domineering father to self-congratulatory engineer of a dynastic marriage, then on to grief at his daughter's death.

We saw little of Lady Montague, and yet her bearing at every appearance was consistent with her end, when grief at her son's exile was strong enough to stop her breath. Judith Parker's Lady Capulet was best when most domineering; at her more tentative moments she was less convincing. However, she made an excellent foil to the unpredictability and petty-mindedness of her husband. Perhaps this is the moment, too, to pay tribute to the girls who played non-speaking parts, from the two who wrestled in a solitary, Breughel-like combat in one corner of the stage in the first brawl, through Mercutio's casual strolling acquaintance, to those who clustered anxiously around the grim scene at the end. It cannot have been easy for them to attend all the rehearsals that must have been needed, but the results were worth every minute of their time.

To turn to Jane Bell's Nurse is to come to one of the production's major figures, both as Shakespeare wrote it and as she played it. Her characteristic stories of Juliet's childhood,

Her constant anxiety for her charge and immediate willingness to embrace Romeo as Juliet's future husband, and her encounter with Mercutio, were all beautifully played. For me, perhaps, the high spot of her performance came as she wheedled Romeo out of his despair in the Friar's cell. Even though she had never, of course, been his nurse, she had every good nurse's ability to calm childish tantrums, and her tone and manner here were exactly right.

Michael Green's Mercutio was a strange mixture of splendid stage-presence with irritatingly unsatisfactory speaking. His approach to Romeo along the edge of the stage before the 'Queen Mab' speech, his 'conjuring' from the fountain, his departure after taunting the Nurse, and, of course, his duel with Tybalt, were sheer physical virtuosity, but his verbal timing was often as clumsy as his physical balancing was poised, and opportunities to point a sally of verbal wit were too often lost.

Benvolio must be a difficult part to play. He seems to spend half his time telling people on the stage what the audience already knows, and his disconcerting ability to remain alive when everyone else is dead must be quite embarrassing even to him at times. But William Greenslade managed to carry off these difficulties without ever seeming like a mere prig of a school prefect, and though his wit is slower than Mercutio's, it was always more plausible.

And so to where the responsibility really lay, with Darien Angadi's Romeo and Kate Marre's Juliet. It would be invidious and absurd to offer a comparison between them. There are plays of Shakespeare's where the hero is much more important than the heroine, and others, like this, or *Antony and Cleopatra*, or *Macbeth*, where they must play together with equal brilliance, or the structure will fall. How Shakespeare's boy-actors can ever really have balanced his leading male players in such plays is a mystery of his time, and it is no reflection on those boys who have more recently played girls' parts, to the very best of their 13-year-old abilities, on this and other stages, to say what a sheer delight it was just to see Kate Marre, whether in the black of her Tybalt-mourning, poised and confronting Paris in the Friar's cell, or delicately white and alone on the balcony, or weeping, in green, with the Nurse. Even by just being herself and there, and how much more through the constant decisiveness of her movements and the controlled range of her voice, she constantly matched Angadi at his best, and carried a conviction which, as Mr. Stuart hinted in his Producer's Note, only a teen-ager could have carried in this part.

Angadi gave us a Romeo which never failed to fascinate in his changes of mood and manner. A casual reading of *Romeo and Juliet* is liable to pall by a certain sameness of tone — of enraptured and impassioned statement that seems often to remain too high too long. But Angadi's Romeo ranged from serious, rapt adoration to playfulness and boyish temper, from sharp intellectual wit to the grey resolution with which he decides to end his life with Juliet. It is always a particular pleasure to hear Shakespeare's lines spoken with that combination of understanding, musicality and accurate timing which too few actors have, and which finds its highest expression in Laurence Olivier's great performances. Both Kate Marre and Darien Angadi, at their best, gave us something of this, and both carried the weight of this play with notable success.

I have said nothing of the set, which gave us admirably the illusion of living in the piazza of an Italian Renaissance town, of the music, from the ecclesiastical tones of the opening, through the very charming string accompaniment to the Capulets' ball, to the bathos of Hugh Rebeck's last paup on the bassoon; of the dancing, which constantly patterned the stage with relevant and attractive movement, or of those qualities that audiences at Elstree have now

come almost to take for granted, faultless and ambitious lighting changes, effects, scene changes and prop. management. This is for lack of space, not for lack of appreciation.

Of the points which Mr. Stuart, wisely or unwisely, told us he intended to establish, most came over well. Certainly mere Fate never seemed to be dominant; Romeo and Juliet could be seen willingly preparing and walking into their own trap, and we felt with them as the romantic, perhaps over-imaginative, and yet thoroughly sympathetic young people they were, simultaneously bewildered and opinionated, proud and sad, self-confident and star-crossed. The irony of the projection of the ridiculous quarrel between the older generation on to the young people, not only Romeo and Juliet, but the peace-loving Benvolio, the witty Mercutio, and the susceptible and haughty Tybalt, was never lost. If the political background of the Renaissance violence and treachery in Verona seemed to me to be less effectively projected, the fault could be anyone's, including Shakespeare's or mine. It was a wonderful evening for the enormous amount it did give: I hope the Germans enjoy it as much as we did, and shall think little of their perceptiveness if they do not.

W. D. Emrys Evans



THE HOUSES

HOUSE REPORTS

by a harassed House Captain.

"I want a house report from you by Friday."

Shock.

Back to reality.

Hell...

"What do you think of the house?"

- House Prefect: *I don't know really. Something to do something for. It's more personal than the school as a whole.*
- Third Year Sixth: *A place to have lunch, but as I don't have lunch there ...*
- Sub-Prefect: *Meeting place. Just another society really.*
- Dinner maid: *All right, why? Quite a nice lot of boys really.*
- Third former: *Friendly dinner service.*
- First former: *House Prayers are nice and short.*
- Third former: *Whose house?*
- 10/7: *Juniors are better at sport.*
- Vice-Captain: *Instils competition and makes good businessmen.*
- A house tutor: *Er...*
- Vice-Captain: *Great. I think its the best house.*

"What do YOU think of the house?"

CALVERTS

Once again it is my unenviable duty to write the Calverts House Report. I say unenviable for two reasons. Firstly, because, as always in the Autumn Term, there have been very few inter-House activities to report on, and therefore I have to stretch out what little there is to say, and secondly, because what there is to report on makes pretty depressing reading. So if you're not in the mood for being depressed just skip the rest of what I have to say and go on to the other House reports.

Inevitably everything can be reduced to bare facts and figures, and just for the record they are:

Senior Rugby	— 5th equal
Crossman Shield	— 5th equal
Dunton Shield	— 6th
Junior Work & Conduct	— 5th
Senior Work & Conduct	— 3rd

Not too impressive, are they? But facts, however bad, cannot be just ignored or forgotten, for we must learn from our mistakes for the future. In the sports events failure cannot always be helped, and the Rugby team were unfortunate in meeting a very strong Meadows side in the first round, where they were well and truly beaten 34 — 0. This result was disappointing, especially as last year we won the Rugby seven a side competition, but there was little the team could do against a very experienced Meadows team that boasted 14 school rugby players. In such competitions as Work and Conduct, however, the question of skill or know-how does come into it — everyone starts off on an even footing and no one House has any advantage over any other. This is the one thing that everyone in the House can participate in — yet even in this sphere we could only average a position of 4th.

The whole failure can be attributed to the modern trend of apathy that has replaced House Spirit. The 'in thing' nowadays is to be apathetic and to do as little for other people as possible. Consequently, it no longer means anything to be a member of Calverts. This, mind you, is not only a disease in Calverts, it is common to every House (perhaps it shows the weakness of the whole House system), but it must still be overcome if the House is ever to be as prominent as it once was. Believe me, not so long ago it used to completely dominate the sporting scene and used to monopolise both the Crossman and Dunton Shields. Between 1950 and 1960 the House won the Dunton five times, the Crossman nine times, the Boxing seven times, the Cross-Country four times, the Rogers' Shield nine times, the Swimming four times, and between 1945 and 1960 it won the Rugby competition eleven times. That's quite a record, as even the most apathetic must admit!

How things have changed! Nowadays people are all words and no action, they are content to sit back and let others do all the work, and consequently it's considered a great event if we ever win through a round, and to actually win a competition — well, that's just wishful thinking. Everything is left to a nucleus of five or six boys who represent the House in Athletics, Cricket, Cross-Country, Rugby and Swimming, and without this minority group the House would be a non-functioning one.

To jump ahead, the future looks much brighter — it could hardly do otherwise! We are very well equipped with a strong tennis team, and the cricket team should not be much weaker. Also the shooting team, under the expert guidance of Caldwell, should be well among the honours, and the swimming and athletics teams will be out to improve on their performances of last year.

The most encouraging feature of the term is the fact that Seal has come back to school, after we all thought he had left. His return will greatly strengthen the House both academically and on the sporting field, especially in Basketball, Rugby Sevens and Athletics

G.S. HASLEHURST
House Captain.

HENDERSONS

The Autumn term ended, certainly trophy-wise, on a rather disappointing note. The Seniors lost the Work and Conduct to Strouts and we came fifth in both the Dunton and Crossman shields. This was due, however, to the fact that we came fifth equal with Calverts in the Rugby competition, the only sport so far played, after losing to Strouts 6-5 in the first round.

The Juniors, however, managed second place in their Work and Conduct competition, which is the highest position they have reached for several terms. Also, Mike Lerego must be congratulated on winning a Law Scholarship to Magdalen College, Oxford. House ties were awarded to Mike, in recognition of all the work he put in on the administrative side of the House, and also Tony Woolstone and Tony Higham, the two vice-captains (we are not sure that a 'Recorder', as such, is necessary).

Our hopes for the rest of the year lie in the Cross-Country, Basketball, Tennis and Cricket. In many of the sports we have virtually unchanged teams from last year and with some luck and a fair share of enthusiasm we should do well.

Finally, I must publicly thank Mr. Sanderson for his continued encouragement and help. Much has been said and will be said of housemasters, but in him we have one who is always at hand to answer problems and who is never too busy to come out and support a house team and indeed many innovations to the House system have come from him. We certainly owe him our sincere thanks.

Perhaps we do not have the 'super efficiency' of some houses, and perhaps our house rooms at lunchtime do look like something out of the Calcutta rush hour, but really, why worry? We do not honestly need all this goading and gushing, and certainly one would think us to be the friendliest and liveliest house, judging from a quick sortie into the house rooms at midday.

R.L. FARLEY
House Captain.

JOBLINGS

Through defeat after defeat Joblings House has come to be shrouded by an atmosphere of gloom. Doubt has even been cast upon the school's methods of syphoning off new boys into the respective houses - for so continually triumphant are our rivals, and so depressingly mediocre the performances of Joblings' athletes and intellectuals. A Joblings victory goes down in the annals of the House's history

There is, however, (as there must be to prevent us all crumbling and disintegrating) a ray of hope, which, although it may be of questionable worth in a concrete sense, is the refreshing characteristic of the activities of the House - dignity. True, this is usually dignity in defeat, but it is nevertheless a quality of merit applicable to the House. It was particularly evident in the Autumn term's Rugby competition, where although our team was ridiculed incessantly by other theoretically much stronger Houses, when it played and the theories had to be tested in the pitch, it distinguished itself in giving its opponents a hard fight. We were beaten as expected, but by only 14 points to 3, and not by the ignominious margin predicted by jeering onlookers, and in the process every member of the team gave of his best, helping the House to retain its dignified stature.

The Autumn term was a quiet and unspectacular one, our major achievement being to become the envy of the other Houses in the school by collecting only one detention. At first this

promised great things for our position in the cups that are awarded on the basis of work and conduct; and the fact that boys had received few sets of Prefects and Sub-prefects lines seemed to heighten our chances. However, in the final analysis, it was the lack of effort that let us down.

I must emphasize that it is not sufficient just to keep out of trouble; and that, if we are to decorate our dignity with some concrete achievement, we must try to take greater pains in what we do, instead of resigning ourselves to the perhaps inevitable defeat, and falling back heartlessly onto pessimistic and cynical attitudes.

In this, I think we can be helped by the prospects which the Spring term heralds for us. Joblings now enjoys a monopoly of prefects, and I would like to congratulate Fuller, Donmall and Dinham on their appointment. There is more than a chance that we can gain concrete victories this term because it is apparent that we have some above average talents at all levels who can help us improve our ratings of 1966. Molloy in the Cross-Country, Fuller in Shooting, and Govas and Donmall in the Swimming competitions will undoubtedly contribute greatly to our performances this term. Irvine will, I think, play a similar role in the basketball programme, and the prospects in the Sevens competition are equally bright.

Mr. Browning is not fighting a losing battle, and only the members of the House can reassure him. His continual vigilance in House affairs and the vigour with which he tries to inspire optimism and enthusiasm in his House must not be passed over by any one of us. Due largely to his original ideas and foresight, more participation and individual organisation is being encouraged in many aspects of House activity. This term, and in the future, we can show him that all is not in vain, and pay him back by gaining, not only our dignity, but a shield or two as well.

N.R. DENNIS
House Captain.

MEADOWS

One always feels that exhortation of Haberdashers to rally to the banner of house spirit is fruitless. It is unfortunate that in the present set-up of the school "Houses" can only be thought of as a place to eat lunch and to have the odd morning assembly once a month. The "house system" suffers through the school being mainly a day school and also through the lack of a large number of people taking any interest. Involvement only comes in the field of sport. Only here does gentle coercion weld a team together and provoke enough enthusiasm to cover the deficiencies in technique and skill. An example of this was the spirit amongst the senior rugby fifteen that accompanied the drawing for first place, even though through injury and the clash with examinations the team lost six members. This was made up for, to the credit of the team, by sheer determination and clever tactics.

Perhaps it is unfortunate that our performance in the work and conduct shields did not equal that in the sports competition. A good number of the detentions received during the Winter term were unnecessary and a little forethought would have averted them.

We have the talent and we could have the determination to do very well again this year in both the Dunton and Crossman Shields. It is not impossible to retain them. If a greater number of house members were willing to put something into the house whether positively by gaining standards in swimming or athletics or giving their best on the sportsfield and in the classrooms; or negatively by not getting into trouble, then the satisfying sense of achievement would

be theirs. This is far more important than winning the silver (though this will come as a result of effort).

The only time most house members see Mr. Carrington outside house meetings is on Fridays when they go to collect their punishments. However, having to see him frequently I have noticed the enormous amount of interest he shows in the members of the house and the large proportion of his free time that he spends sorting out their individual difficulties. For this he deserves everyone's thanks and appreciation.

My gratitude also extends to all those who have quietly "got on with the job" and have given a lot of their time and unselfish interest to the house.

S.R. RINSLER
House Captain.

RUSSELLS

Russells is an unknown entity.

It is a collection of individuals grouped together by the arbitrary pen of a school secretary, characterised by a light blue cap button and a small 'r' placed next to their name on the form register. Most of them recognise a common link, a common identity, some are entirely insensible to it.

Over the last two or three terms I, and the other House officials, have attempted to revive this identity and a species of loyalty to fellow House members. To improve our disastrous positions in House competitions we have introduced an internal House competition (the Lewis Shield) and a system of House groups. Perhaps we have partially succeeded — at the end of the Autumn term Russells had improved its positions in the Work and Conduct Shields (Junior 3rd and Senior 5th), shared the lead in the Crossman Shield (the only sports competition having been a draw in the Rugby final) and lead in the Dunton Shield for the three combined. However, as the latter two shields are not presented until the end of the year, I fear we may follow a similar pattern to our usual rate of incurring detentions — perhaps two in the first half of term and about ten in the latter half. However, the strenuous efforts of the House Sports Captains this term increase favourably the likelihood of further success.

What is the real purpose of the House system? Surely it is more than just a means of providing somewhere to eat lunch, or more, even, than a basis for internal school competition. For me the House has meant an opportunity of getting to know boys of all ages — hence a medium of communication between top and bottom, which in a school as large as ours, is ample reason for the continuance of the House system and much more lasting than the momentary pleasure of winning a trophy.

D.J. ABREHART
House Captain.

STROUTS

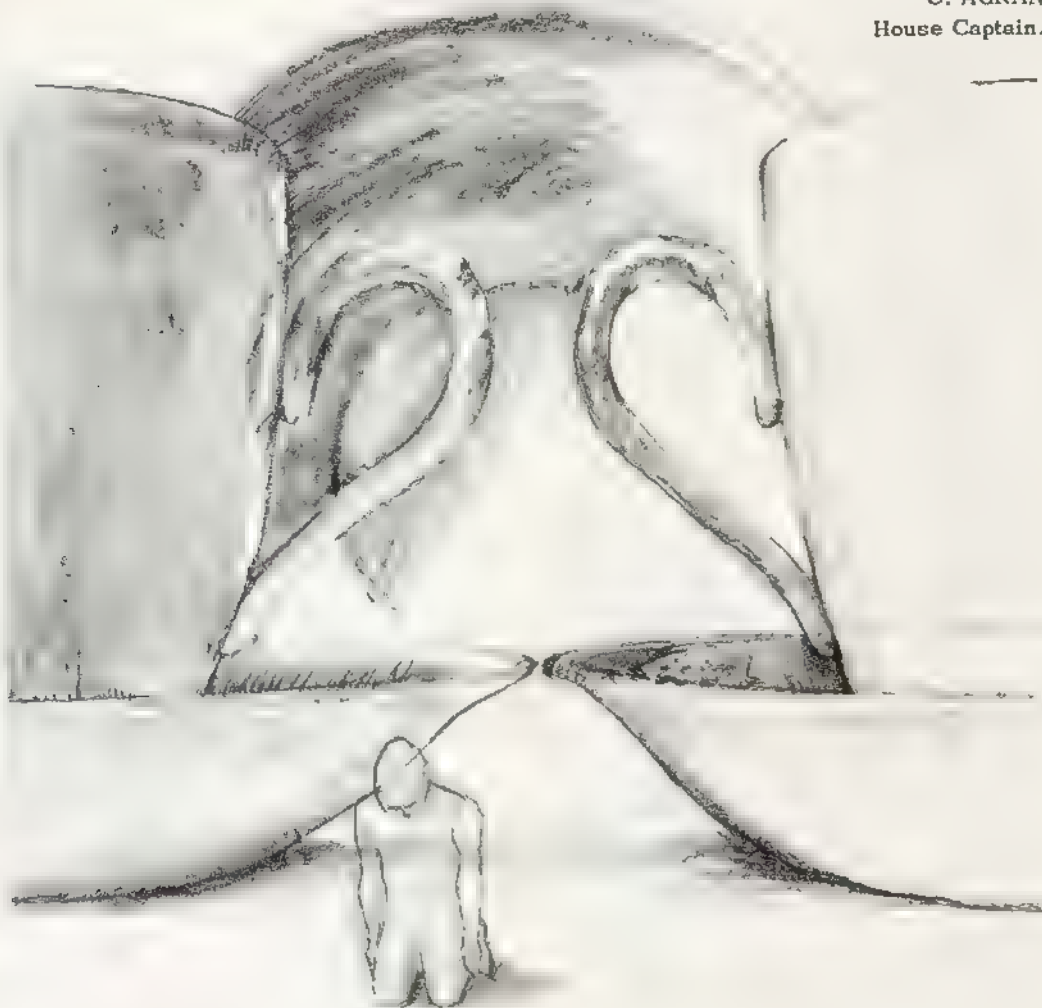
The theme prevailing throughout the House has been one of contentment and satisfaction. As long as we stay clear of the bottom no one really seems to bother. We win the odd cup now and again and we are rarely last in anything. The pity of it is that we could win both the Crossman and the Dunton Shields but the will to win is somehow lacking. As it is, we will probably finish runners up in both.

The most disturbing feature of recent results has been the poor showing of our juniors with respect to work and conduct. Their weak effort has been compensated for by the excellent performance of the seniors who are top in this field.

Dinner arrangements have gone well and the general atmosphere in the House has been pleasant and highly satisfactory. Our thanks once again to Mr. Dodds who has done his job as housemaster so efficiently and to whom we all owe our sincerest thanks.

As for the future, we may do well — indeed we could do very well — with a little more effort from everyone. Remember, ask not what the House can do for you, but what you can do for the House.

C. AGRAN
House Captain.



sketch
for poem

Society reports



From humble beginnings of just over a year ago, the Bridge Club has improved immeasurably, not only in the standard of play — 14 members playing for the school bridge team — but also in the general running and efficiency of the club. Much credit here must go to Mike Combleet and Steve Berg.

At the end of the Winter Term, a pairs competition was held in which 19 pairs took part and despite the fact that for the majority of players it was their first experience of duplicate play, the results were most encouraging.

The results were:-

- 1) Wilton and Kahn 352 pts.
- 2) Isaacs and Ind 314 pts.
- 3) I. Taylor and J. Taylor 306 pts.

The success of this venture will mean, I hope, it being an annual event.

Over the past two terms, the school team, with virtually an unchanged first four from the previous year, have not done as well as expected. This is mainly due to some careless slips in card play, the inexperience of our junior pairs in four pair matches, and players' temperamental outbursts.

The results have been:-

Nov. 9th v William Ellis	WON	85- 66 pts
Nov. 14th v Christ College	WON	133- 64 pts
Nov. 28th v Latymer Upper	LOST	84-110 pts
Jan. 30th v William Ellis	WON	109- 96 pts
Feb. 7th v Merchant Taylors	LOST	66-118 pts

The main event in the near future is the School's Cup on March 11th., and it has been

my job this term, to ensure that the best possible team is entered. In this respect I would like to thank Mr. Whittaker for his advice and encouragement.

The following players have represented the school bridge team:-

R.C.Saville (Captain), S.N.Berg; M.A.Clayden; M.A. Combleet, M.Govas, P.Ind, D.Isaacs S.Kahn, S.Kahn, S.Rinsler, I.Taylor, J.Taylor, G.Thomson, R.J.Wakefield and E.Wilton.

R.C. Saville

CHRISTIAN UNION

The Christian Union Meetings recently have taken one of three forms. We have entertained speakers from outside the school who are engaged in Christian work for the purpose of hearing from them the nature and aims of that work. A member of the South American Missionary Society, Miss D.Bennett, spoke from personal experience of the effects of the gospel among the Indians of Paraguay. The second form of meeting is the open discussion in which subjects such as 'Life after Death' and 'Modern Theology' have caused Christians and non-Christians to rethink their attitudes. The third form of meeting is the informal Bible reading, in which during the Autumn term we have tried to discover the meaning of one of the Epistles for us as young Christians.

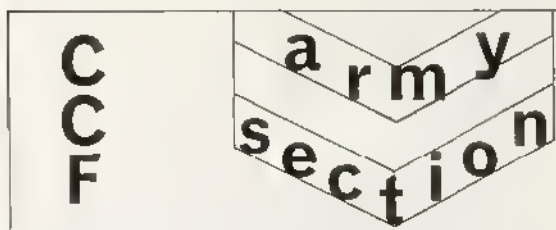
As a society in the school, the Christian Union should carry out at least two functions. It must in its programme serve the needs of those who have committed their lives to Christ personally, as well as remaining relevant to probably the majority of the members of the school who have made no such commitment, if only for the reason that the claims of Christ are universally relevant.

A.P. Gray

CEWC

The Council for Education in World Citizenship held its usual full programme of meetings this past term. Junior and Senior conferences in topics ranging for "Illiteracy" to "the European Economic Community", were attended by groups from the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Forms. As is usual, the school was invited to provide stewards for most of the meetings and a film projectionist for the annual Christmas Lectures. The Council is indebted to Mr. Willatt for his never-ending help and encouragement.

S.Irfan H.Sathar.
(Secretary)



The year so far has been extremely active for training. The programme of the different Platoons and Sections culminated in examinations of Basic Training, Proficiency, Signalling and Engineering Classification, the percentage pass being high in every field. Autumn Field Day adopted the form of a day and night exercise held in the RMA Sandhurst training area for the Proficiency cadets and above, with the Basic Section undergoing the usual initial training on Hampstead Heath.

The Spring Term presented various opportunities to all cadets. An enjoyable evening exercise was held in the school grounds for the Basic, who on Field Day did initiative tests in Scratch Wood under the Engineer Section's supervision. The Signals Section toured Surrey in Landrovers keeping radio contact, with the aid of its sponsor 305 Signals Squadron, Parachute Brigade, T.A.

Congratulations to the Signallers who in conjunction with Aldenham School set up a new British record for continuous operation of 52hrs. 8mins. The range has had a complete facelift thanks to the work of L/Sgt. Fuller and Cpl. Freeman and the Summer Term will see the Assault Course rejuvenated and extended, as well as the prospect of a successful Field Day and Annual Inspection.

The Sergeants would like to thank the Officers and especially Mr. Pidgeon for all the hard work he has put in to make our various activities run more smoothly.

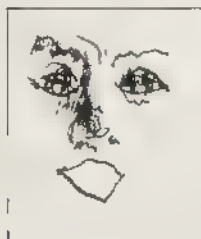
Sgt. M. Hurley

The following have attended courses:

Armourers Course: L/Cpl. Fuller, Cpl. Freeman
Drill Course: Cds. Adams, Barlow, Bukht, Caldwell,
Collins, Freeman, Hafiz, John, Naylor, Partridge,
Pickering.

Leadership Course: Cds. Blessley, Goy, Pickering.
Eastern Command: L/Cpls. Blessley, Roscoe.

Signallers Course: Cdt. Pickering.



DEBATING SOCIETY

As always, we present an encouraging front to the world and a dismal appearance in school. For reasons approximating to school feeling we are obliged to show our best speakers, when they have the time to prepare speeches, in competitions. As a result, Nigel Dennis has won the St. Albans' City Debating Society's Individual Impromptu trophy, Nick Witheford and Bill Greenslade defeated an adult team from that Society on the motion, "We are paying more and more for less and less", and John Launer, Steven Brawer and Nick Witheford have reached the finals of the English-Speaking Union Championship.* We also acquitted ourselves not too ignominiously in the Evening Standard Tournament. However, in school we despair. A mediocre 'Burning House' Debate was rescued only by

Peter Hyams, who had the courage and wit to support Mrs. Mary Whitehouse in an impromptu gush of noble platitudes. A masters' debate on Shaw's maxim, "those who can, do; those who cannot, teach," was not a disaster but did not approach the standard of our legendary debate two years ago with Messrs. Humphries, Barling, Willatt et al. That was all. Is it really desirable or fortunate that a society which struggles for existence and begs for support in school can pretend to the outside world that Elstree teems with witty and eager orators brandishing their art in a virulent and thriving institution?

* And have, since the above was written, won the cup. They are now North London Champions, and will be competing nationally and maybe even internationally in the near future (President).

John Launer *Chairman*
Jerry Ubysz *Secretary.*



Seventh Annual Report

Whilst on the surface the 1966-7 seasons appeared very similar to their twelve predecessors, underneath the excitement the Society has undergone a vast transition.

The winter season commenced with the tragic story of Gloria Swanson's attempted comeback in her 1951 film, "Sunset Boulevard," and continued with, "The Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner," an almost documentary account of the life of a "Borstal Boy." The third film "Paths of Glory," was a continuation of the Society's survey of the great screen classics of war. The season closed with Orson Welles' masterpiece in the history of cinema, "Citizen Kane". The term's activities culminated in a grand raffle, the proceeds from which were used to purchase some books for the members' library.

The spring season heralded the advent of colour films into the Society's programmes with Orwell's "Animal Farm," and Hitchcock's "North by Northwest." The season continued in black and white with "Viva Zapata," and "The Marx Brothers Go West," which was another of the popular trio's comedies to be exhibited by the Society. In addition to the regular season, a colour print of Henry V is being shown on May 9th, for the benefit of O level candidates.

Membership throughout the year has been considerably up on last year though not reaching the peak of 1964-5. 95 members have taken advantage of the scheme operated by the Society, enabling members to become free associates of the British Film Institute.

Another of the developments in the Society has been the opening, at long last, of the Film Society Library. The library consists of many well illustrated colourful books and paperbacks depicting the international growth of the cinema, and highlighting various directors and countries. As yet, the library has not been very well patronised, so for the benefit of the uninitiated - the library is available to all fifth and sixth form members (and prospective members) and is open every Monday from 1.30 until 2.00 p.m., in the Careers Room, Room 112.

The major change in the Society has yet to be witnessed. From September 1967, the Society will only be open to fifth and sixth form members. This experiment, it is hoped, will enable us to concentrate on complete arenas of the film industry, without having to ignore films, often excellent examples of a particular technique, simply because they contain a number of scenes unsuitable for "younger viewers". Since this limits our field of membership considerably, it is essential that the growing apathy in the sixth form is halted, if the Society is to survive financially. Among the films it is hoped to show during the coming year are, "1934", "The Seventh Sea," "The Grapes of Wrath," and Buster Keaton in "The General."

Finally we should like to thank Mr. D'Arcy for his invaluable and unobtrusive advice as well

as his unceasing labours on the Society's behalf.

Ian D. Luder. *Secretary.*
B. R. Green. *Treasurer.*

horseriding

The Haberdashers' Aske's riding corps has been in existence since the beginning of the Lent Term.

This group consists of sixteen members who were willing to shun the sarcastic comments of the rest of the school. These members, though, perhaps at first a little frightened, began to enjoy riding during the latter part of the term.

This preliminary fear was justified, seeing that several people were thrown during the first few weeks. Under the supervision of Mr. Munt and his assistants, who were the instructors, the group has learnt how to master the art of horsemanship with moderate success.

At the beginning of the Lent Term, the great majority of the group knew little or nothing about horseriding. Now at the end of Term, most of the group have a crude knowledge of this noble



sport. The unit has also learnt how to take care of a horse. This involves the following processes: grooming, cleaning out the stables, cleaning the saddle and placing it on the horse, and putting the tack on the animal.

The group would like to thank Mr. Broderick, who made it possible for the fifth and sixth forms to spend such enjoyable Wednesday afternoons.

M.D. Russel
J. Fiertag

Junior FILM Society

The Junior Film Society was formed in April of last year. At first it had a very tough time establishing itself. Now after a certain amount of publicity and several shows it seems to be very successful.

In the past the focus has been on motor-films, but now a new look has taken place in the Society. This is the showing of a much wider variety, including films about animals, trains and science.

The Society has shown several films this term and amongst them have been: *"Decision to Drill"* and *"From First to Last"*. The name, Junior Film Society is in fact somewhat deceptive since we have entertained people of all ages at our shows.

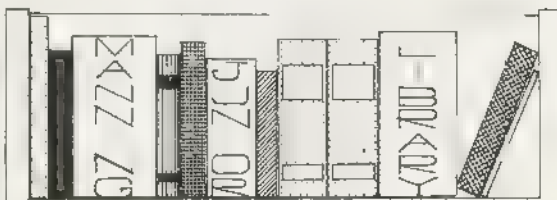
P. Manford
B. Glenville
N. Purcell

Junior DEBATING Society

Having moved to the Boarder's Reading Room and subsequently gained some of the oak calm of Aldenham house and other occupiers of the B.R. R. seems to have done us good. So wide was our popularity that we have had to cut our advertising even then bringing in a packed room of eighty people on one occasion. All, however is

not rosy. We have, in spite of becoming Junior members of the 'Middle School' not improved the rather riotous tendencies of the audience. A small and minor contingent of barracking pseudos from the realms of the fourth year has not helped to this effect. However, it is probable that as, with time and practice, our speakers mature and improve, the audience will go with them. We have a marked rush for the posts of temporary chairman, steward, secretary — even chair arranger. What we really need, of course, is some more inventive sparks to gab at our willing crowds rather than gape back. The last term has been a slightly stale one in that respect, but who knows? Mr. Reynolds, our President and saviour of the B.R.R. furniture and Peter Beales, our (completely non-political) secretary are with us supposedly till the autumn, when the First and Second forms must carry the torch.

David M. Templer
Chairman



The Manning Junior Reference Library has now been open a year and the second group of librarians has arrived. Thanks are due to the many parents who have contributed money, thus enabling the library to acquire almost four hundred books.

The Library has unfortunately not met with the use that was first hoped for. This may be due to many reasons. The first is that people of the Second Form and below (to whom the Library's use is restricted) have little need at the moment for such specialised books. Perhaps now there is a Reference Library more masters will be encouraged to set projects which most people agree have much educational value. Many of the people who come, do so only to read their favourite of the many periodicals.

Lack of publicity is another cause of poor attendance and the ending of the restriction of days allotted to the various age groups will, we hope, have a beneficial effect. Enthusiasm from the librarians has somewhat waned after the realisation that writing index cards is not their idea of fun.

The majority of books are extremely interesting. Many have plenty of colour photographs and have been published recently.

So if more people are made fully aware of the library's potential, the Manning Library will be more successful.

J. Keidan
T. Blackman.2.15.
Junior Librarians

Modern LANGUAGE Society

Although much of the hope and enthusiasm which greeted the establishment of a new Modern Language Society a year ago has, to a certain extent, evaporated, the Society is still managing to keep its head well above water.

We suffer, as do most other societies, from having to cater for a specialised section of the School, and as there are less than fifty 6th formers studying 'A' level languages — we can only ever expect a small number of boys to attend our meetings. However, within our limited sphere, we attempt to provide a programme of the widest possible interest.

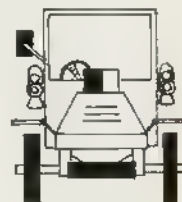
Clearly, talks which were arranged on Molière and Mérimée — although both excellently and vigorously presented by speakers from the French embassy, were mainly of interest to students specialising in these authors. On the other hand, in an attempt to attract wider audiences, we have decided to increase the scope of the more genuinely linguistic side of our programme. Thus, in addition to arranging lectures, play-readings and language gatherings with the girls of N.L.C.S., we are now presenting specially selected films, which although in some way connected with

foreign languages, are not intended to be solely of interest to specialising linguists.

Three films on the political situation in East Berlin, which were to be, in the words of the announcement in assembly, "of interest to all boys with political or linguistic inclinations", would no doubt have been of greater interest if the second film had not shown half the content of the first film and if the dialogue in the third film had not been in German instead of in English, as requested. As it was, a mass walk-out from the Hall took place after about ten minutes, leaving but three boys and two masters to enjoy the show.

We are hoping for better luck with two other films, planned for the summer term. The first, entitled "The Confessions of Felix Krill, Confidence Man" is a German feature film about the successes and vicissitudes of a modern "Don Juan"; the second is the film of 'Becket' starring P.O'Toole and R.Burton (the connection with the Mod.Lang.Soc? — the film is based on the French play of 'Becket' written by Anouilh). This film is to be the highlight of our year's programme, by the end of which we hope that the Society will be in a really stable and prominent position and that its continued existence will be ensured.

M. Dinham
N. Dennis Secretaries



The M.E.C., now under dynamic new management, is back in gear. Our man Trevelyan is working on a larger variety of activities for next term; the films as usual will be at 1.10p.m. on Mondays in the C.L.T.

Unfortunately, the club has lost many of its older members, but at the same time, it is hoped that this will make way for younger members, who need to be aided in the pursuit of their interests.

It is hoped that the considerable efforts put into the club by my predecessor, C.D. Sharples, have been successful, in that the club will thrive for many a year and actively encourage interest in Motoring and Motor Racing in the school.

G. Winney
Secretary

NEW GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

The School had not seen a geographical society between September 1963 and November 1966 when the New Geographical Society was formed at an enthusiastic meeting.

The activities started with a field trip to Hastings. On a bright, blustery day the cliff section between Hastings Promenade and Pett Level was examined. Features of deposition in a deltaic environment were ably demonstrated by Mr. FitzGerald who led the party. Later in the term a group of boys visited the offices of A.W. Gatrell, a cartographer, who demonstrated the techniques of map lettering and printing. The demand for this visit was so great that a repeat visit was arranged. A talk on the 'geography of South Africa' was admirably delivered by Mr. Wrench who illustrated it with a film of a gold mine and the Kruger National Park taken on his recent Rugby tour of the country. During the Christmas holidays some members of the Society attended a filmshow at the Geological Museum. A lecture on 'New Towns' and the reconstruction of old towns with a more economical use of land, was given by Alan Pickering.

The help of the Geography staff is greatly appreciated. A lively programme has been planned for the future.

P. T. Rudd
A. C. Gatrell

PHOENIX SOCIETY

Before the Silence-in-the-Corridor rule was brought into operation it was possible to indulge in short inter-period discussions, which, although perhaps annoying to the master who was teaching nearby, were often extremely interesting and fruitful. It was in one of these discussions, between Mr. Dawson, Nigel Dennis and myself, that the idea of a Society for 6th form Modernists, which would concern itself with any topic or subject related to 'modern' (i.e. non-scientific) studies, was first formed.

It was decided, however, in order not to step on the toes of other modern societies, to limit the scope of the Phoenix Society (as it was finally named) to contributions from the boys themselves and not from outside speakers. Offers for individual talks were readily forthcoming and within a fortnight of its conception, the Society held its first meeting, at which Laurie Kaye gave a deep and thorough exposition of "Elizabethan Humanism."

In a lighter vein, David Conway extolled the virtues of the music of the 3rd Republic, ending up (I'm still wondering why) by playing a track off the latest Beatles L.P.

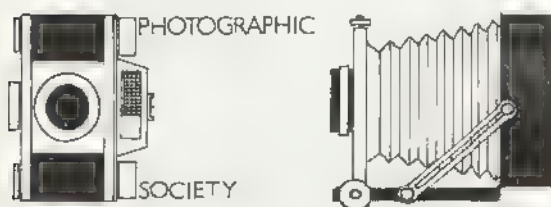
At the beginning of the Spring term, Nigel Dennis gave an excellent talk on Gibraltar explaining the present crisis over the Rock in political, geographical and historical terms. His study was clear evidence of much detailed research, and was appreciated by all those present.

Perhaps the most successful of our meetings, was a symposium held on the topic of "Patriotism" particulars for which a dozen boys prepared something to say about aspects of the topic. The contributions ranged from the reading of patriotic literature — both journalistic and poetic — of the

patriotism as presented in the Bible. The ensuing discussion proved so engrossing that in fact only half the contributions have been heard by 5.30p.m.

The immediate future of the society looks sunny, for several offers of talks have already been made and suggested topics for future symposiums have been put forward. To look further into the crystal ball is impossible for the future of any society is uncertain and the 'Phoenix', particularly, has found apathy a major stumbling block. But given the continued enthusiasm and support of the present members, and the larger audiences which it is hopefully anticipated the society will gradually attract — the Committee remains optimistic as to the Society's chances of survival.

M. Dinham.
Secretary



At last we have another darkroom! After an embarrassing number of years of half-hearted attempts, our new darkroom was formally opened half way through November. This takes the pressure off the other room, and allows more scope for younger boys to "have a go".

It is particularly pleasing to see the great enthusiasm shown by boys in the lower part of the school; their efforts will stand the society in good stead in the future. It is a pity, however, that the upper part of the school is still displaying apathy towards the subject of photography, and is not providing the necessary enthusiasm and leadership, which would complement the keenness shown by the juniors.

The image of a "darkroom society", is only slowly breaking down I hope that with the introduction of slide lectures, a competition, and a possible inter-school photographic forum, the latent interest of the school will flourish, and

First World War, to a controversial analysis of the society will grow.

I would like to give my sincere thanks to Mr. Creedy, whose efforts "behind the scenes," only too often go unappreciated, and without whom the new darkroom would not have materialised.

W.M. Rose
Secretary

PRINTING Group

This term has been one of great activity for the Printing Group. Apart from changes in the layout of furniture in the Printing Room, the acquisition of a new type random and the decoration of the windows with translucent plastic, we, "The Printers", have radically changed our outlook.

In the past we were content to accept all the orders given us and execute them with the minimum of effort, and in as short a time as possible. This resulted in printed matter being drab and of no artistic value, and the boys in the Printing Group were learning nothing about design in printing, which includes the setting of type material and illustrations as well as the choice of suitable papers, binding and typefaces.

Our new policy is one of quality printing, incorporating good design, and if possible, a continuity of ideas in all our work, therefore creating our own set of "House Rules".

At the moment we are about to start work on a book which will be completely designed, set, and printed by the members of the Group and which will, we hope, embody throughout its entirety a modern outlook, both in text and design, and will set a standard of quality and interest for future productions.

This term's radical change in policy has been accomplished under the careful guidance of Mr. Broderick, without whom there would no longer be a Printing Group, and whose future interest and assistance will, I hope, turn the Printing Group into an institution that the school can be really proud of. Although Mr. Broderick deserves

the main credit for this term's achievements,, I would like also to thank my fellow printers, who have given so much of their spare time to the Printing Group, and whose intense interest and hard work have enabled us to execute all our commitments.

Julian Robbins
Head Printer



The London and Middlesex Fullbore Meeting at Bisley last September gave the Rifle Club its final opportunity to enjoy .303 competitive shooting before the dark Autumn days of 1966 closed in upon us. The 7 members who entered not only had an enjoyable weekend, but even managed to make the event financially profitable – no thanks, however, to the “pea-souper” fog which descended over the ranges on the Sunday morning, severely curtailing the competition programme, and making shooting at 600 yards a somewhat dubious affair!

So, having retreated from Bisley camp in our motley assortment of vehicles, chorusing the annual utterance, “Never mind, we’ll win the Ashburton Shield next year!”, we arrived back at the School’s 25 yard indoor range to find that the start of smallbore season was upon us. This year it was decided to enter 5 teams in the Hertfordshire Winter League, not 2 or 3 as previously, and although the idea was initially received with enthusiasm amongst club members, one wonders now, in retrospect, if it presented more problems than it solved. In an attempt to give some experience of competitive .22 shooting to as many as possible, it seems that we have now sacrificed precisely that keenness amongst individuals which we set out to cultivate. The administrative work has been doubled; lack of ammunition for such intensive shooting has provided the club

officials with a few anxious moments this term, and the general lack of willingness to shoot promptly and consistently is perfectly mirrored in the League results so far, for only the “A” team seem certain to win in their division, and meanwhile the other 4 teams are left wallowing in 5th or 6th positions.

However, the picture is perhaps not quite as black as painted above, for in other spheres, particularly that of inter-school matches, the club has proved itself more than capable of producing a powerful, nay, *invincible* team. Amongst others, we defeated Glasgow Academy, the Admiralty R.C., and notably Monmouth School and Addams Boys’ School, who were both effortlessly despatched by the 1st VIII in a recent triangular postal match with a new record score of 783 ex 800. Last, but by no means least, we were honoured by a visit from the ever-formidable Oakham School 1st VIII, and, in a match which has rapidly established itself as a popular institution, the school was just able to retain its undefeated record by a highly uncomfortable 1 point margin (753 to 752). It is hoped that the return match, shortly to be arranged, will not prove such a strain on the team’s nerves!

Of course, the Rifle Club’s activities are not solely confined to cordite-burning. In October my predecessor Nigel Cooper kindly agreed to come back to school and show us his excellent collection of colour slides which he took on his recent tour of Eastern Canada with the United Kingdom Cadet Shooting Team. In addition, a film about smallbore shooting was shown early in the Spring Term. Though primarily intended to be a serious and instructive film, the audience could not help but be amused at some uninspiring scenes of the Bisley ranges which were accompanied by music reminiscent of an early Hollywood melodrama! More films (and laughs) are promised for the Summer Term.

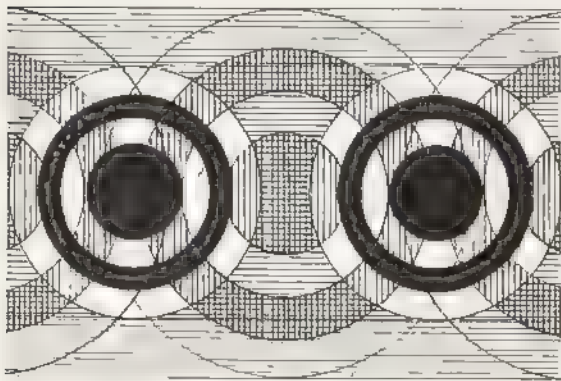
Determination to be in good form for the 1967 .303 season was so strong just before Christmas that someone was foolhardy enough to suggest a pre season practice at Bisley. At the time, everyone who went felt thoroughly miserable, for

the place was completely deserted, and the icy wind instantly froze fingers to triggers, but despite this some very creditable scores were made, so that most people later agreed that the expense and frostbite were worthwhile.

At the time of writing this report the club has just returned from the first serious practice with the newly-acquired .303 match rifles. An immediate and very gratifying improvement in scores is apparent - the best 8 scores totalled 513 ex 560, which puts the team well within "striking distance" of the Ashburton Shield. The ubiquitous Charlie Freeman found sudden breathtaking form to make 97 ex 100, John Caldwell hot on his heels with 94. Mention should also be made, at this point, of Mark Payling who, by his keenness and hard practice is rapidly improving and is making many more senior members look to their laurels.

A very full programme is planned for this summer. The 1st VIII and the Cadet Pair will probably enter 4 major Schools' Meetings including the popular Northern Schools' Competition at Altcar in Liverpool, which was unfortunately missed last year. Individual entry will also be encouraged in .22 competitions such as those at Baker street and Hendon. In conclusion, provided that all concerned treat shooting as much a team venture as an individualist sport, it is hoped to achieve a fair measure of success in the coming months.

Julian Fuller
Captain



R.A.F.

SECTION

This year, the R.A.F. Section has reached new heights. We have a record number of Cadets, 80; a record number of recruits, 30; and, all round, a higher level of enthusiasm and intelligence than ever before. The rumours that the C.C.F. is collapsing seem to be ironically unfounded at the present time.

Individually, members of the Section have been outstanding. F/Sgt. Taylor, Sgt. Davies, and Cpls. Lamb, Rouse and Pryce were all awarded, and have successfully passed, Flying Scholarships. Sgt. Fitzpatrick was awarded a N.A.T.O. Scholarship and was also selected to tour Canada as a member of the British Cadet shooting team. Eight Cadets will be visiting Germany this Easter to see the R.A.F. in action as will another 26 Cadets who will be visiting R.A.F. Colerne for a week. During the term every single Cadet has visited an R.A.F. Station.

Internally, 29 Cadets have taken their Advanced and Proficiency Exams and over two terms an interesting programme of lectures, exercises, and other activities has taken place, including use of our celebrated glider, the Assault Course, and a combined Night Exercise with the R.N. Section.

The R.A.F. Section does not try to train boys for Viet-Nam, nor does it try in any way to encourage military dictatorships. Many of its leading members are pacifists, and a high percentage are undoubtedly cowards. What it does try to do is to give boys a sense of responsibility, personal pride in appearance, and to experience flying in modern aircraft and to meet an unusual type of person. It also creates a sense

of leadership and discipline as well as being a lot of fun, initiated without artificial stimulants.

And looking at this year, it works!

A. J. Woolstone,
Warrant Officer.



After a year of inactivity the Sailing Club restarted in the Christmas Term. This period of hibernation was due to the fact that the Rickmansworth Council had drained Bury Lake where we sail.

A recruiting drive was held at the beginning of the Christmas term, the membership was boosted to 56 of which 15 are now active members.

The club at last finished the Merlin-Rocket which we have been overhauling since September 1965 in September '66. I would like to thank Paul Edwards and Clayden and the various other members who helped to finish the boat.

The most important event this year so far has been the addition of two 404's to our fleet, so that now we are able to get 10 people afloat at once.

In the Spring Term the club started two cup competitions, one for 3 and 4 forms, the other for 5 and 6ths. This series is on a knock-out basis which might be changed next term. The idea of these competitions is to give more practice in racing than before.

Lastly, I would like to thank Mr. Creedy for helping so much in the running of the Club and

Mr. Whittaker for turning out in the worst weather to supervise sailing.

D. Brief,
Secretary.

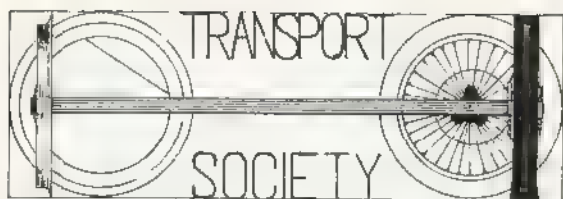


Since the last report the society has grown from strength to strength now having over sixty members. Our autumn visit was to the Atomic Energy Establishment at Harwell, Didcot, where we saw much of the research work that is putting Britain in the lead in the Atomic Energy field. Early in the Spring term we spent an afternoon at the Stag Lane Works of Bristol Siddeley Small Engines Division. There was an extensive tour of the works, including metal fatigue laboratories and an analogue computer, and also a glimpse of the design and development aspect of the Company and we have been invited to see an engine on the test-bed at Hatfield in the summer. The last visit of the term was to the Cancer Research Fund Laboratories at Mill Hill. We examined much modern equipment and we all greatly appreciated the enormous amount of help and time given us by Dr. Harris, Head of the Division, and his staff and hope to make another visit sometime in the future.

Every Tuesday lunchtime throughout the term we have had films on all aspects of science culminating in a special film "What is Soap?" and a talk by Mr. Wrench who, as the whole school must know, has been in the soap manufacturing industry.

The summer holds for us a very full programme of films and visits to Elliott-Automation at Boreham Wood and Post Office Research at Dollis Hill.

R.A. Lamb,
Treasurer.

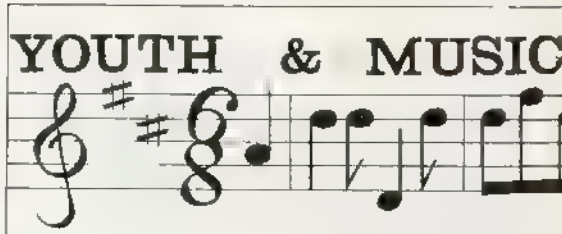


A general indifference towards the society has resulted in the demise of many previously successful activities. The only section which appears to have escaped from the general apathy is the Railway Photographic Folio, partly because of the strong support of various old boys.

The society possesses a large amount of 'OO' Gauge model railway equipment — all that is needed for successful operation is boys' support, — more workers please!

Visits to Newcastle and L.T. Neasden should prove practicable in the summer term if expected party travel arrangements are introduced; these may well be organised by a new Industrial Railway Group. However, at present this is uncertain.

Chris Francombe



It is hard to believe that we still have the largest Y. & M. in the country, because only about an eighth of our members ever order tickets. Nevertheless, those that do take advantage of ticket offers have seen some magnificent performances, including 'Paradise Lost' with Margot Fonteyn and Nureyev, and Mahler's Ninth Symphony conducted by Klemperer, both of which were completely sold out for months before on the public market. It is only to be hoped that when members of the School join or rejoin in the summer we will have fewer members buying more tickets. For holding together our gargantuan organisation in its initial stages, Antony Craig deserves the thanks of all our members, together with those members of the staff who seem to be prepared to buy unsold tickets at ten seconds notice.

John Launer Alistair McGregor } Committee
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1st XV

This season was, to all concerned, a rather disappointing one. Team spirit was excellent but this failed to reflect itself in the results. With five of last season's team still at school great things were expected but these expectations were not realised, partly because older members of the team were content to rest on their laurels, and partly because competition for places in the side was not as keen as it might have been, the team virtually picking itself after the first few experimental matches. To be fair to the team, however, they were greatly handicapped by the early season injury to Derek Woolerton. Apart from being the most experienced member of the team, with two seasons in the 1st XV behind him, he was the one three-quarter capable of producing flashes of inspiration, and his flare was sadly missed.

The season itself falls neatly into two separate halves, with the match at Wymondham as the turning-point. The first half was pretty awful and in it we lost matches we had no right to lose. The second half was, however, a completely different story and we lost only one of our last eight games. This is even more surprising when one considers that it was in the last part of the term that the team met its strongest opposition.

The team's main weakness, the inability to score points, was fully exposed in the first four matches, in which we only managed to score eight points. The defensive play was extremely sound, but unfortunately defence does not win matches, and the season started with bad losses at City of London and Trinity (games which we usually win at a canter). After this we lost narrowly to Bedford Modern, just when a good start was essential to promote team confidence, and



really hit rock-bottom with the performance at Royal Masonic. Our display there was so bad that things had to get better, and get better they did.

The trip to Wymondham was one of the highlights of the season, and was a great success, both socially and rugby-wise. I don't know which was the more frightening experience - facing fifteen hulking great rugby players, or a stampede of 30 frantic girls when it was "Girls' Choice" at the dance after the match. The only disappointment of the trip was that we were narrowly beaten 0-3, but the disappointment was short-lived and by the third mad waltz all was forgotten. Though beaten we gave a good account of ourselves and played rugby of a better standard than we had done all season. We were now playing faster and more efficiently, a fact which was to become more apparent as the season progressed, and the team was growing in confidence as it began to realise that it had the ability to win matches.

The second half of the season started with a very useful draw at St.Albans and an even better one against Monmouth, the latter meaning that we retained the cup won in Monmouth two years ago. It was in this match that we really played to the limit of our capabilities. With a big crowd and the wind behind us in the first half we crossed over after 40 minutes with a 9-0 lead, thanks to three forward rushes resulting in unconverted tries. Monmouth managed, however, with the aid of a dropped goal and two penalty goals (one in the last fifteen seconds of the match) to force a somewhat lucky draw. Jim Jarrett, the Monmouth captain, has since played regularly for Newport 1sts where he plays outside David Watkins, and has also had a full Welsh TRIAL so I think all credit must go to the team for subduing him so well and restricting him to two long-range penalty shots.

Other notable results were a 6-6 draw with Old Haberdashers' and a very exciting win over Loretto by 3 points to 0. This match, which received wide coverage in the national press, was our last of the season and undoubtedly our

best result, especially as Loretto went on to beat Merchant Taylors' School only two days later. The amusement and bewilderment caused by the sight of fifteen kilted Scotsmen walking around the school grounds helped to attract a big crowd, and in all about 400 boys were spectators at the match. Their enthusiastic vocal support made a great difference to the outcome of the game, and the loudest cheer of the season greeted Phil Chambers' first-half penalty which proved the only score of the match, although we spent the major part of the second half defending desperately.

I would like to thank Mike Clayden, the Vice-Captain, for the way he led the forwards and for all he has done to support me, and all the other members of the team, with special reference to the back row. Here was the undoubted strength of the team, and in Nigel Dennis, Andy Chilcott and Paul Van Heeswyk we had the real match-winners, as I am sure the rest of the team will be the first to admit. However badly the rest of the team played they could always be relied upon to turn in good performances, and fully deserved their colours at the end of the season.

In conclusion I should like to thank Mr. Davies, Mr.Wrench and Mr.Yeabsley for everything they have done for the team. They were not disheartened by poor early results, but continued to train and to push us with just as much, if not more, enthusiasm. I believe the form we showed in our last few matches justified the faith they showed in us - I hope they agree.

G. Haslehurst

Captain

Team

BERNARD SEAL (Wing): A very strong runner and tackler who received little support from three-quarters. Unfortunately academic studies prevented him from being an even better player.

GERRY BOTTOMS (Centre): A useful player without excelling in any one department. His best game was at Wymondham where his defence saved us from a much heavier defeat.

FRED HUMBER (Centre). Converted to centre from wing-forward. A good runner and tackler, but has a habit of dropping the ball.

HUGH McCARTNEY (Wing): Started the season in the

4th XV but rapidly rose to 1st XV status. Good runner with, or more often without, the ball.

MURRAY McCARTNEY (Wing): Strong runner and tackler who played reliably until the Wymondham dance; after that he was never quite the same. Formed a good wing partnership with his brother.

PHIL CHAMBERS (Fly-half): Although his goal-kicking was not in the Tony Woolstone vein, as he was all too often reminded (see 3rd XV report), it invariably decided a match. Very safe handler and a good kicker of the ball. Full colours.

DAVE GOY (Scrum-half): A very fine scrum-half who, though big for that position, made the vacant scrum-half job all his own with his excellent touch-kicking and defensive play.

DAVE RULE (Prop): Just about as tough as they come, he could always be relied upon to give 100% effort.

MAGNUS IRVINE (Hooker): Never attended practices but, despite strong opposition, played in all but one of the games. Good hooker and very prominent in the loose.

JOHN ROBERTS (Prop): Missed three games through injury. Not an outstanding handler but once he caught the ball an extremely powerful runner. Good in the loose and hard tackler. Always gave his best.

MIKE CLAYDEN (2nd Row): Vice-captain. Pack-leader. Good in line-outs and loose. Full

Colours

GREG WOLTON (2nd Row): Came up from 2nd XV halfway through the season. Brought life and punch to the forwards, especially in the loose and in forward rushes. Never jumped in line-outs but revelled in muddy conditions, and played best in big matches.

PAUL VAN HEESWYK (Wing-forward): The humourist of the team. Outstanding in every field. Though only slight of build, he is still pretty tough. Full Colours.

ANDY CHILCOTT (No. 8): Was in the team 2 years ago before leaving for America for a year. His return greatly strengthened the side. Best line-out player in team and very good in both set and loose scrums. Fast breaker. Old Haberdashers' 1st XV. Full Colours.

NIGEL DENNIS (Wing-forward): Caused pandemonium at the Wymondham dance by doing the "twist" and the "hitchhiker" to a waltz. Work and other commitments (usually female) affected his attendance at practice sessions, but he showed that he was fitter than any of us, and gave 100% in matches. Excellent tackler, fast breaker (nearly always getting opposing stand-off) and outstanding in forward rushes. Full Colours.

ALSO PLAYED D.R. Woolerton, A.J. Phipps, J. Rennie, A.P. Scott, P.S. Mackie, M. Vandenberg, H.G. Davis



2nd XV

The performance of the side at the beginning of the season was excellent, with heavy wins over City of London and Trinity Schools. With the coming of the heavy pitches, however, the side fell away owing to a lack of weight in the scrum. In fact, of the three games lost, one was on a completely water-covered pitch against the Old Boys while another, at Wymondham, was played in torrential rain.

Of the players, special mention must be made of Govas for his spirited play in the loose, and of Albert for his jumping in the line-outs. The wing-forwards, although very effective in their defensive work often gave the opposing fly-half too much room. Outside the scrum the three-quarters had a tendency to run across the field and also to delay their passes too long but Jamallulail's courage, on the wing, was at times incredible and it was a pity that more players did not follow his example. The place-kicking was appalling at the start of the season but improved immeasurably with the emergence of Phipps as kicker.

I must also mention Vandenberg who, as captain, led the side with great enthusiasm and could always be relied upon for vocal 'encouragement'.

The start of the season was marred by the news of the death of Mr. Dawtrey, which came as a great shock to us all, and we have had to play without a regular master. Despite the efforts of numerous masters who refereed our games or took charge of us, and to whom we are most grateful, a regular master must be found for next season.

R.C.C.S.

Team:- M.J. Vandenberg (Capt.),* J.S. Albert, M.J. Bennett, H.G. Davis,* M.H. Govas,* A. Higham, S.A. Jamallulail, A.J. McGregor, P.S. Mackie,* A.J. Phipps,* G. Pickering, J. Rennie,* S.R. Rinsler, R.C.C. Saville, N. Taylor, L. Underwood.

Also played:- C.C. Green, D.R. Woolerton

* 1st XXX colours

3rd XV

Before last term 3rd XV rugby was a minor topic, fit to be reported only after House Reports. I feel now it should have a special 'Skylark' supplement with pen-pictures of the players.

The reason for this metamorphosis was the fact that the 3rd XV had a 100% record last season, winning all its eight matches with the gargantuan points total of 164 against 9. As the season progressed the pride of its players grew, doubled whenever the 2nd XV lost, and exploded when Merchant Taylors', the best and last of our opponents, were beaten 3-0. To the aristocrats of the higher XV's this account may appear too much; they may sneer and move on; we enjoyed it.

The regular players were of a standard not very much lower than the 2nd XV, but played more as a team without the worries of impressing anyone. The scrum were solid, if rather slow, with Nick Woolf consistently hooking well, Andy Dean hard-working in the line-outs, and Nigel Siberry throwing everything into the game. Clive Agran led the pack and was best in the loose, with Dave Morgan the most improved player in the side.

The backs did not always play consistently, but occasionally combined well to score some

good tries. Eric Wright at scrum-half was always trying something new, and Colin Done, who hardly ever received the ball, even caught it once or twice towards the end of the season. Chris Green, playing rugby again after breaking his leg was understandably nervous at first, but in the end showed what an outstanding full-back he is in the game against Merchant Taylors'.

Mr. Mark's refereeing deserves a separate report but, suffice it to say, when the game was dull he was always making it interesting with some unusual decisions.

Tony Woolstone
Captain

Team: Woolstone A.J., Agran C., Bennet M.J., Beveridge I.M., Dean A., Done C.R., Green C.C., McIver N., Morgan D., Siberry N., White K.C.G., Wilson A.H., Woolf N.H., Wright E.R., Yarrow M.J.

U. 16 XV

The Under 16's showed a great deal of promise at the beginning of the season, and it was hoped that the team's bad spell had come to an end. Unfortunately this was not to be, but the causes of our apparent failure were not the same as in previous seasons. Several matches were disappointing in that early promise shown was not fulfilled, and in other closely-fought matches we suffered bad luck. Our record is therefore of no great account in forming any conclusion on our ability and in fact, of the nine schools played, only two were obviously our superiors, the others being equal in ability although often fitter.

Against Trinity, possibly our strongest opponents, we fared much better than we had done against a mediocre City of London side in our first game. A reasonably well-balanced match which we lost 11-0 was disappointing because of an early give-away try; this happened too often throughout the season, probably due to a lack of pre-match warming-up.

Bancroft's showed considerable signs of improvement on the previous season and thought us lucky to win 11-6, but a period of 20 minutes either side of half-time during which we scored all three tries assured us of a well-deserved victory.

Emmanuel were a tough but not highly-skilled team and in terrible conditions we played a 6-6 draw, half our points being scored by an orthodox three-quarter movement creating the overlap for the wing, the sort of move seen all too rarely throughout the season.

St. Alban's have always been one of our strongest and most feared opponents with a heavy and mobile pack. This year, however, we proved equal to them, and after we had come very close to scoring on several occasions they gained the all-important first score and held on to a narrow win.

Generally speaking the team could have been considerably fitter. Our half-back combination did not settle down until late in the season and then did not prove completely satisfactory, and this unsettled the three-quarter line. This is no excuse, however, for the bad passing which often spoilt promising movements, nor for the ill-judged and inaccurate kicking which often gave the advantage to the opposition. The forwards showed definite signs of promise and on several occasions were really playing as a pack. There were faults, however, particularly as far as line-out jumping and backing-up were concerned.

In previous seasons U.16 XV captains have said it was a pity that the team would be split up, but this season, although not highly successful, has produced a team in every sense of the word which, although it will inevitably be broken up next season, will form the nucleus of a successful 1st XV in the future.

R.E.G.Walters

Team: R.E.G.Walters,* M.H.Ross,* G.Baruch,* W.P.Greenslade,* D.Isaacs,* A.P.Scott,* D.A.Ahmed, D.Allsopp, H.Chryssaphes, D.D.Clark-Lowes, N.M.Feldman, N.Gershon, J.Herbert, P.J.Leverton, K.McClelland, P.G.Moss, G.R.L.Seal, D.Stechler, A.Wolfson.

* Colours

U.15 XV

Once again the U.15 rugby team had an unlucky season. At the beginning of the term the team was extremely unfit and there was no real team spirit, but under the guidance of Messrs. Yeabsley and Wellbourne the team recovered quickly. By the middle of the season we were playing as a team with a good pack of forwards and with Hardman and Sanders always determined in their tackling.

I believe that next season, if the team starts training beforehand, we shall win quite a few of our fixtures.

P.W.Newby

Team: Newby (Capt.), Cox (Vice-Capt.), Abrahams, B.Brown, S.Brown, Crebb, Gunton, Hardman, Hassan, Leigh, Magowan, Masters, Page, Rosenthal, Sanders, Swain, Williams.

U.14 XV

The U.14 XV started the season as a good team and finished it as an excellent one, showing considerable promise as a future 1st XV. During the 10 matches played, 135 points were scored with only 49 conceded and this, rather than the number of matches won, showed the true strength of the team.

Although the team started off fairly well with two big wins, true co-ordination was lacking and Trinity exploited to the full the weaknesses of tight and loose scrummaging, inefficient line-out catching and bad tackling in the backs. This was remedied and the matches against Merchant Taylors and Emanuel, two excellent sides, proved to be the best and most enjoyable matches of the season for both spectators and players.

J.L.Evans
Captain

J.L.Evans proved to be a first rate captain, leading his side by example and insisting on true "rugby fitness".

T.A.B.

U.13 XV

This has been a promising season during which the side has acquired many of the essentials required to win matches. Basically matches have been won by orthodox rugby regularly interspersed with deservedly successful plays.

Better results will come when the forwards realize that their job is to get "good ball" from set pieces, line-outs and most important from second phase, and to combine this with straight running from the backs.

The side possesses the ability to dominate the opposition but fruition will only be achieved by a willingness to learn and become really fit; these are not always apparent.

D.I.Y.

Played: 8 Won: 4 Drawn: 1 Lost: 3

Colours: Auden, Gershfield, Hamment, Higham

U.12 XV

This year has produced a number of promising young players, particularly in the backs where players quickly learned the basic ideas of rugby — running and handling the ball. The forwards seemed to take longer in appreciating the vital part they must play in the modern game and consequently the fast back division was often neglected. When this team matures I am convinced that it will do well for it has more than its fair share of talent.

C.G.S.

Colours: Bateson, Goudie, Lewis, Willis

Opponents	Team	1st XV	2nd XV	3rd XV	4th XV	U.16 XV	U.15 XV	U.14 XV
City of London		L 0-8	W 46-14	W 56-3		L 0-19	L 0-31	W 39-3
Trinity		L 0-11	W 23-3	W 32-0		L 0-11	L 0-28	L 0-34
Bancrofts		W 8-6	W 9-0			W 11-6	L 0-14	W 35-0
Bedford Modern		L 0-14	L 3-10	W 19-0	L 0-3	L 0-30	L 5-6	W 12-3
Emanuel		W 6-0	W 9-0			D 6-6		W 6-0
Royal Masonic		L 0-5	W 20-6			L 0-12		
Wymondham		L 0-3	L 0-3					
St. Albans		D 3-3	W 8-3	W 8-3	L 0-9	L 0-8	L 0-28	W 25-0
Monmouth		D 9-9						
Berkhamsted		L 5-9	W 11-3	W 18-0		L 6-9	L 3-9	L 0-6
London Hospital		D 0-0						
Queen Elizabeths		W 3-0	W 16-3	W 20-3	W 17-0	L 6-17	L 3-14	W 17-3
Old Haberdashers		D 6-6	L 3-14					
Mill Hill				W 8-0	L 0-8			
Loretto		W 3-0						
Merchant Taylors'				W 3-0				W 11-0

hockey

1st XI

With nine members of the 1966 XI available, a competitive and keen atmosphere within the club, four additional fixtures, and navy-blue hockey shirts into the bargain, hopes for the coming season were high.

It was felt that Hockey was really established within the school now, and the desired standard within our grasp. After the first few training sessions, which were often attended by forty players, it was clear that the team was going to find it difficult to score goals, and this unfortunately proved to be the case. Fifteen goals in eleven games exemplifies the lack of penetration of the forwards. In Hockey, matches are only won when goals are scored, consequently we view the statistics of the season with dismay and disappointment. This permanent record of the season will remain for all to see, but only the eleven team members will be able to recollect the season in its true light.

It would be fair to say, that with a forward capable of putting the ball in the net, the results would look remarkably different. Of the four draws, only Royal Masonic School 1st XI were of a comparable standard. The results against Watford G.S. (1-1), Merchant Taylors (2-2) and Mill Hill (0-0) should have undoubtedly been in our favour, and not by the odd goal but by many. If this had been so, then our record would have read: P 9, W 6, L 2, D 1. This is merely a reiteration of many club captains', however the facts remain.

We were extremely fortunate with the weather this season and only two matches were cancelled. The first was against Royal Russell School over at Croydon, the other being the match against D.F.C. Thomas's XI. This was transferred to the Crystal Palace 'all weather' pitch, and the experience both of being beaten 8-1 by a very skilful side and of playing on the hard surface under flood-lights, is one that we hope will be repeated next year.

Towards the end of the season, the Hockey Club once again took part in the Midland Bank 6 - a - side Tournament. With a little more application, the six could have won the division and reached the semi-finals, however the over-all improvement was pleasing and the tournament enjoyed by all.

A disappointing season then, with a marked improvement towards the end and nine players remaining for 1968.

This year the Hockey Club is undertaking an end-of-season tour to Zwolle in Holland on May 13th, 14th, 15th. During this time, (four or five matches will be played) against teams from Holland, Germany, and Belgium in the Junior International Tournament. A report will appear in the next Skylark.

D. Woolerton

Full colours were awarded to:- D. Woolerton, P.S. Mackie, C.R. Done, A. Abubakar.

Half colours:— Amir, A.P.Scott, A.J.Phipps.

Team: R.A.Barton, C.R.Donne*, D.Best, A.P.Scott, E.Wright, P.S.Mackie (v-capt*, Amir*, T.R.Woolnough* (secretary), D.Woolerton* (capt.), A.J.Phipps*, M.P.Elman, A.Abubakar*.

* donates 1st VI

Results	1st XI	2nd XI	3rd XI	U.16 XI	U.15 XI
Royal Masonic	W 2-0	W 2-1		L 0-2	
D.F.C. Thomas' XI	L 1-8				
Dulwich	L 0-1	W 3-1		L 0-3	
Herts Wanderers	L 0-2				
Merchant Taylors	D 2-2	D 2-2			
Watford G.S.	D 1-1				
Bancrofts	W 3-1	W 3-2			
Bishops Stortford		L 0-5	L 1-4		L 0 7
Aldenham	W 1-0	W 1-0			L 0-2
Mill Hill	D 0-0	C			C
St. Albans	L 1-2	W 1-0			L 0-5

Six-a-side competition

v. K.C.S.Wimbledon	W 1-0	
v. Royal Russell	W 1-1	
v. Aldenham	L 1-1	} Decided on corners
v. Sir Roger Manwood's	L 1-1	

2nd XI

This season the second eleven have proved time and time again that a team with the right spirit which plays as a team can beat a team of more skilful players. The defence, although often suspect, never gave up and were always quick to cover up any of their own mistakes. The forwards were working together for the first time and, although half the goals were scored by one player, they usually came as a result of a movement involving the whole team. The weakest part of the play was the link between the halfbacks and the forwards.

Eric Wright, the vice-captain, who marshalled the defence well, and Peter Oppenheimer, who scored the record number of six goals, are the only two players who deserve special mention.

As the results show this was our best season yet and if the spirit shown is kept up, next season should prove even more successful. A word of thanks must go to Mr.Dawson whose "words of wisdom" so often spurred the team on to victory after a disappointing first half

V.P.Elman (Capt.)

Team: M.P.Elman, R.Ambor, D.J.R.Ashforth, G.D.Ellis, R.A.Foster, A.F.Frank, C.C.Green, V.G.Nehemiah, P.Oppenheimer, B.M.Rothbart, S.Z.Shahabuddin, N.H.Woolf, T.R.Woolnough, E.R.Wright.

Also played:— A.Higham, S.R.Jamalluail

U.16 HOCKEY XI

The Under-Sixteen team was lacking in experience and this is why it lost its three matches this term scoring no goals and conceding ten. There was no cohesion between backs and forwards while defending was not so much an automatic process as a frantic covering-up of other people's mistakes. In attack the team was fine up to a point, but the forwards lacked that vital penetration in the opponents' circle.

The scores belie the efforts of all concerned, however, the team being dogged by bad luck and I look forward to seeing next year's senior teams well stocked with the present Under-Sixteen team players.

P.G.Moss

Team: Moss (Capt.), Baruch, Chapman, Davies, Garner, Gieve, Isaacs, Jamsilulail, Payne, Rosman, Swirsky, Tabard, Williams.



After a highly successful season last year we had high hopes of an even better one this year. Four members of last year's first team were still with us and there was a promising keenness amongst all the Club members. Training, begun early and well attended (with up to 20 people on occasions) was encouraged by Mr. Goater's provision of training notebooks and a certain amount of bribery was introduced with regard to the mileage covered in training.

A good training record is essential to a successful team and we noted with pleasure our improved positions from last year: 6th in the Borehamwood Relay and 3rd in the Guildford Relay. It was a little disappointing to have to relinquish the cup we had won the previous year in the John Lyon Relay (just beaten by a very strong Harrow County team) and to be beaten into 4th place in the St. Nicholas Relay where we had won our first medals the year before. However, these setbacks were more than made up for by gaining second place in the Highgate Harriers Schools Race in which a very large number of schools compete. Although our highest individual was 14th, we had all four scorers within the next ten, proving the

superiority of team-running as against outstanding individuals. In the new Under-15 race our juniors were narrowly beaten into 4th place despite having the 2nd individual. Memorable also was this as the last race in which the captain ran before injuring himself once more. Nevertheless, being used to their "non-running" captain and his periodic injuries, the team in no way allowed its record to be spoilt.

The Spring term began with Mr. Welbourne taking over i/c Cross-Country in the absence of Mr. Goater. A shaky start by the seniors was compensated for by the Under-14 team's 2nd place in the Orange Hill Inter-Schools Race. Once in its stride the senior team pulled off an excellent result, both as a team and as individuals, by coming 2nd in the Ranelagh Harriers Race, a convincing improvement on points from last year's 3rd. In the Goater Cup, our own annual invitation race, our second place, two minutes behind Orange Hill, was the nearest we have got for many years. Our reward came the following week, however, in the Hertfordshire Schools Race. It was most gratifying to have all four scorers in the first ten and to win for the second year running, but by a much increased margin. Our next important race was the Dr. Challoner's Relay and in this we managed 3rd place, our highest ever. By this time the season was almost over, Easter being so early, but our final victory came from our Under-14 team. The boys of this age group have shown more keenness than any other and this prompted us to arrange an inter-school fixture and to provide a trophy. This was looked upon by various of my colleagues as something of a fiddle, but we felt that a competition for this age group was definitely needed, and the fact that we were quite likely to win it for the first year was merely a happy coincidence. In fact, all twelve runners in our A and B teams ran extremely well, coming 1st and 9th out of a field of 12 and consequently winning the trophy which Mr. Goater had kindly donated.

Under our policy of maintaining that it is the team which matters and not the individuals, I shall mention very few names and direct your attention to the list of colours awards at the end of this report for names. First and foremost my congratulations and thanks must go to my hyper-efficient secretary Arthur Johns. He has done an amazing amount of administrative work, but his outstanding contribution to this season's success has been his excellent running which has improved throughout the year and has made him indisputably our best runner. Our most improved runner this season must be Danny Clarke-Lowes who was not content to remain in the Under-16 team and soon firmly established himself in the first six. It is he, we hope, who will lead Haberdashers' to victory next year. Right behind him (indeed more often in front) comes Julian Goater who is still only fourteen but has beaten everyone in the first six bar one or two at some time during the season. He seems destined to run the same first team races again and again for at least another three years. The keenness of the third formers (Under-14) must promise great things for the future, though I fear it may be exhausted by the time they are seniors. At any rate Dave Tanswell and Andy Nash will definitely be extremely useful runners for next year's Under-16 team.

My only further duty now is to thank those members of staff who have given us their support during the last two terms. Mr. Welbourne has stepped very ably into Mr. Goater's place whilst the latter was taking a sabbatical term at the University of London, and, in addition to taking charge of Cross-Country, has improved efficiency in the running of the club. Mr. Goater's absence from school has by no means precluded him from supporting the team, however, and it was he who brought the season to a close by giving a party for Cross-Country Club members. I should also like to thank Mr. Wrench, who is always a source of encouragement. This has been a very worthwhile season for all of us, and one which I hope will not be quickly forgotten.

D.J. Abrehart (Captain)

Colours

December 1966	Full colours:	Re-awarded	D.J. ABREHART A.R. JOHNS T.J. ROBINSON
		New awards	E.M. WILTON K.L. DUFF
	Colts colours:		D.D. CLARKE-LOWES J.N. GOATER A.L. PINDER
March 1967	Full colours:		M.E. BURRAGE D.D. CLARKE LOWES
	Half colours:		C.R. BAILEY
	Colts colours:		J.H. WILSON S.L. FARLEY
	Junior colours:		D.P. TANSWELL A.J. NASH



At the time of writing the 1st XV has almost completed an extremely successful and enjoyable season. Six matches have been played and all of them won. The first pair, Brian Morris and Richard Browne, have not conceded a game all season, and have been ably supported throughout by Peter Lines and Nick Taylor. Two matches remain; against Merchant Taylors' a good win is possible and we are capable of beating the Old Boys.

What remains is to ensure that next year's team have equally good results. Andrew Bracken has already played twice for the school and other members of 6B for the Old Boys, and if next season's team is successful the Fives Club will become even more firmly established than it has this season.

Richard Browne
Captain

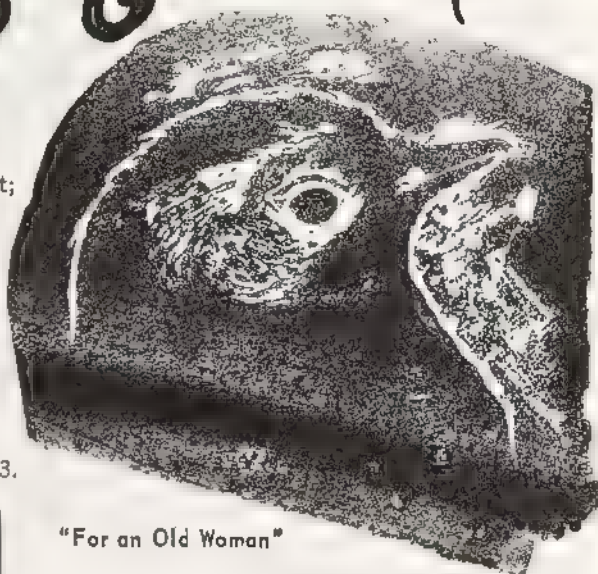
<i>Results</i>	Old Haberdashers'	(H)	Won 101-78
	U.C.S. 2nd IV	(A)	Won 167-121
	Rutlish 2nd IV	(A)	Won 173-75
	U.C.S. 1st IV	(H)	Won 96-77
	Bishops Stortford 1 IV'	(A)	Won 164-111
	Whitgift 2nd IV	(A)	Won 156-88

Originals

Nature?

On the heavenmost branch of the fir
Throbs a slender brown, speckled body
Serenading the crimson sky
With her shrill pipe.
The gnats swirl in the gloom below.
The cross-wires menace her pulsating breast;
A crack, a slap, an explosion of feathers
And the song is cut.
Through the snatching branches
The limp corpse buffets its way
Until it is arrested by a clasping fork
And its half-open bill
Inhales the bloody sky.
The gnats swirl in the gloom below.

S.J. Lubelski. 6.BM.3.



"For an Old Woman"

You, alone in that dark room,
Waiting.
Why does the world just pass you by?
The fire is dying in the grate,
As your life slips from sensibility,
Yet stays like that one defiant ember
Which lingers though the room is cold.
Knitting,
And moving your bony fingers;
Wrapping the old fashioned shawl a little tighter
The body like an age-old parchment
— Soon to crumble into dust.
Wrinkled, pock-marked,
Drinking a cold cup of tea;
Even your daughter does not come now.

D. Kitchen. 5/30

Vision Fugitive

Up the dizzy cold spiral, wedge after wedge, through the doors onto the flagstoned passageway, (another stairway twisting into murk at the left); then first door on the right. Queen's Bench no. 6 — or was it 5? — I have no head for remembering things like that. Of course, it's insignificant really — they could have labelled them A to F or backwards and it wouldn't have made any difference to what happened to me. That's part of Rationalism — not the old metaphysical type, but the new rejuvenated one with the wonder ingredient — me. But more of that later. The point is that I entered the courtroom where this particular case was in progress. The point is

The point is irrelevant. I had made up my mind to avoid irrelevancies. I had explicitly told his private secretary that "I shall avoid irrelevancies". He will bear me out. He heard me. Ask him. Some time.

Queen's Bench no. 6. Fling yourself onto the front row of the Public Gallery, friend, and listen.

"And, er, were the gangways clear?"

The tone of the interrogating voice is a cross between self-consciousness and boredom. The voice belongs to the Prosecution.

"Most of the time" — a cockney voice.

The columns of the balustrade in front of the gallery, for your information, obscure your view of both judge and witness, but not recorder, Defence, or Prosecution. Sometimes the judge's nose appears fleetingly.

A bewigged and bespectacled gentleman, gaunt and crumbling, peers up — he has spotted us!!! — and leaves the room below with a look of pending eviction in his gaunt and crumbling eyes.

"Now, er, this student, at least, we assume he was a student; anyway, the man, or youth, rather, that worked there during the holidays"

A woman smiles obscenely and mutters something with halitosis-breath to her companion, whose ears begin to twitch with laughter and dismay.

Defence is scribbling furiously — his wig is bound to fall off soon. This is his hell on earth — penning pages on gangways, tar, impecunious (eleemosynary?) students, before a decrepit judge, a slopping court, and not a reporter or decent fee in sight. Why does he have to waste his time on this tripe? The court is divorced from this universe — it has its own timeless time-scale. The participants are in a vacuum; they know not of what they talk; they select words at random out of a slow and silent hat, deliver them slowly, meaninglessly; we are floating in the ether. Purged in this world, Defence will surely go to that special heaven where he can defend men of the stature of Crippen or Jack the Ripper and win.

"Oh, yes, he was a hard worker all right. He used to open the doors for the ladies".

The Prosecution seems at a loss as to what to do with the words he has just picked from the Universal Hat, and falls back on an old and tried formula: "Er, and you're sure the gangways were always clear?"

"Most of the time".

The lights in this court are very dim; they are covered with thick dust. But the spring sunshine streaming through the venerable windows illuminates the judge's nose, willy-nilly.

Meanwhile, what has happened to the gaunt and crumbling gentleman? Plunged into a mental well of darkness — or mayhaps tripped into an ancient, forgotten dungeon, far below the Law Courts — half-way to Hades. When he raises one of the gloomy floor-stones, he can scent a billion burning "REX v. BLOGGS"s. Gasping for breath through the sulphur dioxide, he replaces the stone and resigns himself to being lost forever. But yet there is a glimmer of hope for him; he must tunnel his way next door to the Bank of England, (Law Courts Branch), to finish his days rich in the little-used vault.

O would I were a mighty epic poet, for then would I sing of the vast storehouse of dead cold air, the endless larder of ice-fingers, empty communications, harangues which somehow missed their destinations, flew wide of the judge's deaf ears, and reverberate ghost-like in the minds of the innocent visitor, snared inside by vain curiosity; of surmounting blind Justice, scale-pans neatly holed to let the rain from heaven through . . .

O children hark for I tell you true.

norwegian wood

The fourteen year old son
and his enlightened parents
Sat in the Hampstead kitchen,
amongst the cruet from Heals
And the sweet corn.
Marx and Engels
might have arisen from
The manufactured steam
which drifted upward,
Until droplets of water formed on the ceiling
And the T.V. Times sat open against
Thê Hovis.

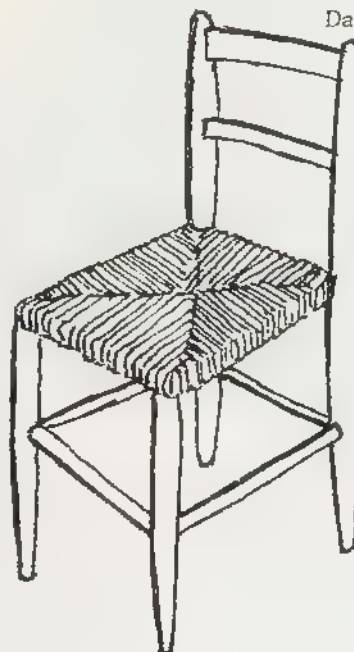
W. Greenslade 6.BM.1.

Fear

"Look at the 'ickle boys on the swings."

"Look at the heroes out with their girls." I retaliated, the moment I had uttered these words I regretted them. The taller boy, about six foot, came towards me while the smaller one walked on with the girls.

I tried to hide my fear as the boy approached by swinging higher, this gave me confidence. However, all that confidence ebbed away when the youth gripped my anorak and the swing swung gently to a halt. Somehow his grip conveyed anger and I could feel the strength behind it.



David Conway 6 AM3

"You try'na take the mick out'a me?" I stared into his cold, brown eyes and did not answer. He shook me and I had to hold tight to the cold, metal chains to keep my balance. " 'Said, you try'na take the mick out'a me?"

The cigarette wobbled irritatingly in the corner of his mouth. I looked at his face. It was not essentially unattractive, with an aquiline nose and clean-cut cheeks. But the eyes were cold and clear. They showed no emotion. They stared unrelentingly into mine.

"You gonna answer me?"

The cigarette wobbled again, the ash was getting long. I summoned up all my courage and reached to pick it off, but it was a clumsy move, made inarticulate by fear. I burnt my finger and put out the cigarette.

For the first time his eyes showed some feeling, they opened slightly in surprise. He evidently did not know how to take this.

"You know what happens to cheeky kids?"

I spoke for the first time. "No," I croaked.

He grinned maliciously, a cold, unfeeling grin that matched his eyes. He grabbed the swing and flung it as hard as he could.

It careered into the supporting upright, crushing my hand. I was flung off. I saw the ground looming at me for a split second.

M.J. Vann. 2.16

THE BARREL OF VON REITER'S LUK
TOWARDS VON BERGEN - AND THEN



A Nazi Pilot looks at Picasso's 'Guernica'

How messy it all is.
Can't these scum die like men,
Rather than beasts
Obeving their first instincts?
Must they trample over their women
Instead of escorting them to safety?
Cannot they fight back? where is my
image of heroism on the field of battle?
Not here.

I feel no sympathy for these second-rate imitation men.
No longer are they animate,
If they act like this they deserve to die;
For them is no respect that a brave foe deserves,
For them we have incendiary bombs
And God what wonderful bonfires they make.

P.J. Naylor 6.BM.2.



Poema Erotica

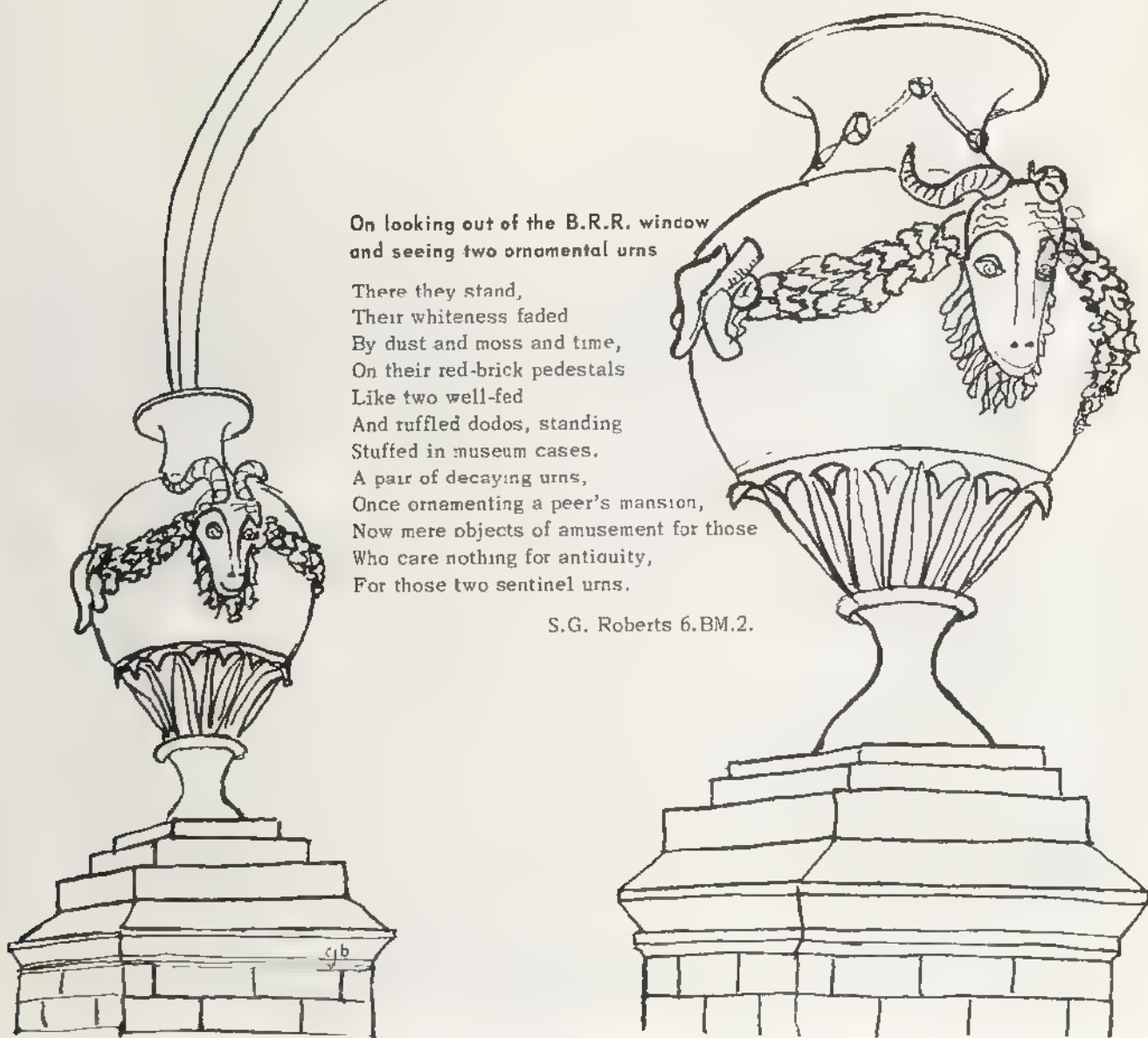
A white desert of rolling hills
Erupts with heat unknown
And man, at odds with Nature, kills
A youthfulness outgrown.

P.H. Robinson 6.BSc.2.

On looking out of the B.R.R. window
and seeing two ornamental urns

There they stand,
Their whiteness faded
By dust and moss and time,
On their red-brick pedestals
Like two well-fed
And ruffled dodos, standing
Stuffed in museum cases.
A pair of decaying urns,
Once ornamenting a peer's mansion,
Now mere objects of amusement for those
Who care nothing for antiquity,
For those two sentinel urns.

S.G. Roberts 6.BM.2.





memories

In a bitter youth, frail,
Like a barren birth,
Alone in the sea's tired tumult,
And reeking retching bodies
Robbed of innocence,
And festered by the writhing sea
To get up to the window, and watch the night
Stretched out, yellow, gaunt.

And to see the dead and the living
Stark,
Flies in the new paint
Which is red veined
Always.

The many tender ants
Milked by the river running rich and slow
Lapping on the grey stones.

And the headless shadows sightless stumbling
Through light into darkness,
Searching for the lost message,
Grieving their way through thorns,
Silently.

And the sand dunes
Dry rustle, angry, vicious,
Frothing sullenly.

And to see old bees full blooded, meaningless,
And the savage young striving to catch an untamed wind
An old white nag, staggering raggedly to the knackers yard,
Watching the twisted ebony trees,
Stubbed,;
Dead.

I have heard the high hills still ring
The song of the swelling sea,
But only

Only to the rows of sterile graves
Bars of a window
Dead.

I should have been glad of another death
Had the heavens not laughed
Like the old, lonely lies.

R. W. S.

David Firman. 6.BM.1.



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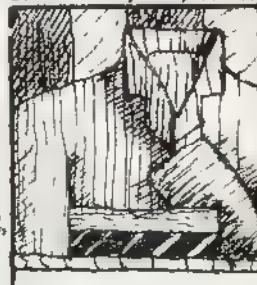
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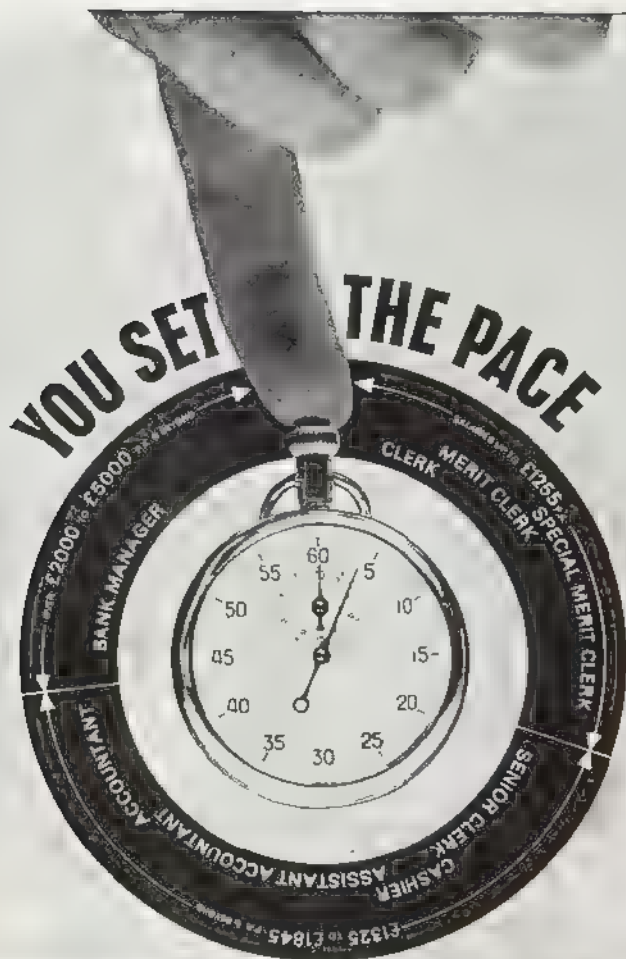
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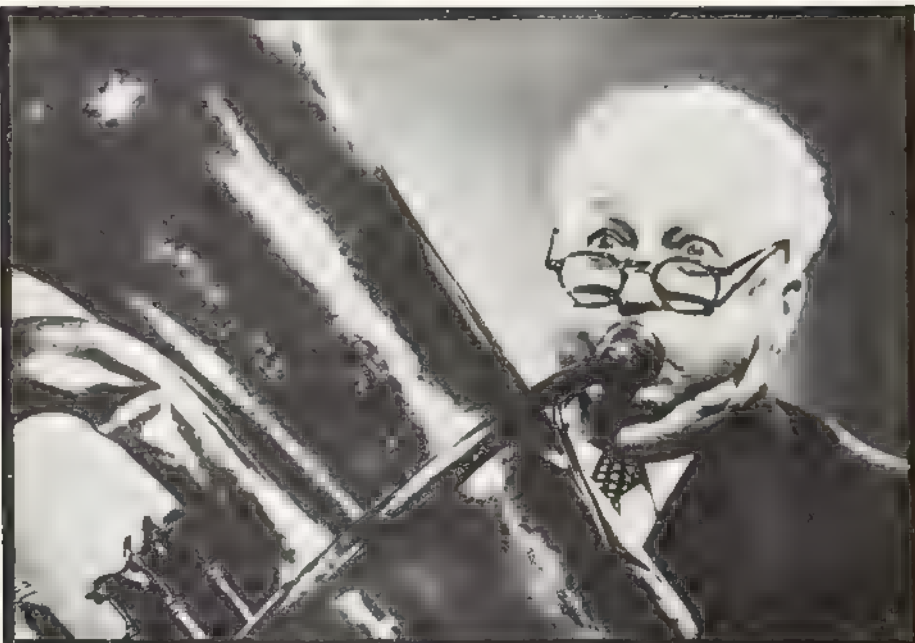
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SOCIAL CALENDAR FOR 1967-68

September O.H.A. Annual General Meeting
28th 1967

October O.H.C.C. Annual Dinner
26th 1967

December O.H.R.F.C. Annual Dinner
9th 1967

February O.H.A. Annual Dinner, Haber-
2nd 1968 dasher's Hall

BIRTHS

BANFIELD: On 4th April 1967 to Margaret, wife of Keith G. Banfield (1939-46) a son, NICHOLAS TIMOTHY.

BROWN: On 28th February 1967, to Marian, wife of Michael E. Brown (1948-55) a son, ANTHONY JAMES EDWIN.

COGGINS: On 26th February 1967, to Vivian, wife of Keith E.G. Coggins (1951-57) a son, JEREMY KEITH

DOWNER: On 16th March 1967, to Gillian, wife of Neville J. Downer (1952-58), a son LEIGH JAMES.

ENGLISH: On 10th January 1967, to Sandra, wife of David J. English (1951-59), a daughter, CAROL.

FREITAG: On 14th February 1967, to Valerie, wife of Peter Freitag (1940-47), a daughter, JULIE.

HORROCKS: On 10th March 1967, to Angela, wife of Peter B. Horrocks (1950-58) a daughter, LUCINDA MARY.

IRWIN: On 25th April 1967, to Kathryn, wife of Julian R. Irwin (1948-54), a daughter, BRIDGET VICTORIA.

JAMES: On 23rd May 1967, to Patricia, wife of David A. James (1939-47), a son, PAUL DAVID

PANGALOS: On 13th February 1967, to Marika, wife of Stamos E. Pangalos (1942-48) a son, MENELAS NICOLAS.

ROBBINS: On 21st December 1966, at Lusaka, Zambia, to Vera, wife of Terry A. Robbins (1946-54), a son, DOUGLAS JAMES, a brother for CLIFFORD ALAN.

RUSSELL: On 13th March 1967, to Juana, wife of Colin C. Russell (1944-49), a daughter, MARIA HELEN

SHELDON: On 3rd May 1967, to Sandra, wife of Paul E. Sheldon (1954-59) a son, LUKE JULIAN.

VALENTINE: On 10th February 1967, to Anne, wife of John W. Valentine (1952-59) a daughter, KATHRYN LOUISE, a sister for PETER.

MARRIAGES

BOWER/SEAGER: On 26th February 1967 at West London Synagogue, RICHARD M. BOWER (1953-60) to Miss JENNIFER SEAGER.

COOKE/LEES: On 18th February 1967, at Willesden Register Office, DAVID H. COOKE (1953-60) to Miss KATHARINE LEES. MICHAEL B. CURLEWIS (1954/60) was best man.

INGLIS/FINAN: On 14th January 1967 at City of London Register Office, JIM R. INGLIS (1952-59) to Miss MARIE CECILIA FINAN. W.A. (Bill) WELLS (1953-58) and PETER M. SMITH (1957-60) were witnesses.

LEE/DOKTOR: On 1st April 1967 at Marylebone Register Office, ALAN J.F. LEE (1957-62) to Miss GLENNIS DOKTOR.

LORD/FRIED: On 5th October, 1966, at Apostel-Johannes-Kirche, Altengroden (Nr. Wilhelms-haven), John C. Lord (1947-55) to Miss GISELA MATHILDE FRIED.

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES

DUNHILL/HIEL: KEITH B. DUNHILL (1952-58) to Miss PATRICIA HIEL of Southall.

FELTON/CULLEN: On Christmas Day 1966, DOUGLAS J. FELTON (1952-60) to Miss JUDITH CULLEN

LOVELL/M'CAW: RICHARD G. LOVELL (1953-60) to Miss ELIZABETH STRADELLA M'CAW, of Malton, Yorks.

OBITUARIES

BLACKENSEE — J.A.J. (Joe) (1912-22). We regret to learn of the death of Joe Blackensee after a very short illness on 10th February 1967. He fought in the Norwegian Campaign in the Royal Engineers and as a Major commanding a Company of Sappers was attached to the Guards Brigade, 1st Divn. in North Africa Campaign. He was severely wounded and invalided out of the Service just after the capture of Tunis; his commercial career was spent entirely with what was known as the 600 Group and when he passed away he was Joint Managing Director of George Cohen Sons & Company Ltd., the principal subsidiary of that Group.

HALL — Leonard W. (1912-16). We regret to learn of the death of Leonard Hall as a result of a road accident. He was a Liveryman of the Haberdasher's Company from 1922 and a Master Tailor in Saville Row until four years ago. He was a keen cricketer and played regularly for Harrow. As an Old Haberdasher he always attended the Association Dinners.

WILLOWS — John P. (1924-29) died on 4th January 1967. In 1938 he joined the T.A. and was called up prior to the outbreak of War in R.A.S.C. Early in the war he was with B.E.F. being evacuated through Dunkirk. Later he was torpedoed while on board the 'Strathallan' en route to the Algerian landings where he served with

the 1st Army. He was demobilised in October 1945 and up to the time of his death had been engaged in insurance broking.

YALE — Frank Humphries Yale (1902-06) died on 28th April, 1967 aged 77 years. Frank Yale served the Club as Hon. Treasurer from the years 1937/38 to 1947/48 in which year he was elected President. He was a prominent member of the Haberdashers' 'Old Boys' Lodge and became its Master in 1941. He continued taking a prominent part in the work of the Lodge and was rewarded by promotion to London Grand Rank. He served in the 1914-18 War, during which he was very seriously wounded and suffered from the wound for the rest of his life, but this did not prevent him playing tennis and badminton. He was a Schoolmaster by profession and when the children from Gibraltar were evacuated to this country during the Second War they were put in his charge and he was commended on the manner in which he dealt with the numerous problems that arose.

DEATH

GILL — Ronald Goddard (1906-12). On 21st April 1967. An obituary notice will appear in our next issue.

PERSONAL

David W. Bulstrode, A.I.B. (1952-56) after having been with branches of Lloyds Bank in the Isle of Wight, Jersey and Poole, has been appointed an Inspector's assistant.

John N. Burrell, M.B.E. (1932-40) Lieut.Col., R. Signals is currently on a tour of duty in Malta.

Allan R. Burton (1924-32) reports that his nomadic existence has, after many years, ceased and he is now in charge of a new office which Mowlems have opened in Newcastle-upon-Tyne — in the same county as his home! Allan has a staff of 30, who are kept very busy with half-a-dozen contracts ranging from £100,000 to £1,500,000. Unfortunately, at the time of writing (May) he had had a serious affliction of both eyes, but that treatment had already proved effective for one of them. Members of the pre-war OHRFC 1st XV, particularly, will wish him well when he enters hospital again, after a period of convalescence.

Stephen C. Gruner (1956-63) was awarded the KINKEAD Trophy on the passing out parade at the R.A.F. Cranwell on 3rd March. This indicated that he was the third best of the 52 flight cadets who were passed out on the occasion.

Alan C. Harding (1929-35) has been appointed manager of the Holly Lodge, Highgate, branch of Barclays Bank.

Michael Heppner (1948-55) has been appointed marketing research manager of John Player & Sons, Nottingham. This department includes sales forecasting and marketing development. Previously, Michael had been media manager in the food and drink division of the Beecham Group and before that had worked on the consumer panel of Attwood Statistics.

David M. Jelley (1954-59) wishes to advise that he has changed his name by deed-poll to D.M. Temple. His home address is 22, Offram Slope, Woodside Park, N.12.

Stamos E. Pangalos (1942-48) has come ashore and is enjoying the comparative quiet of a shipping office. His last three years at sea (in command of a 13,000 ton freighter) were full of incident, having towed a disabled sister ship half-way across the Atlantic, had his cargo catch fire through spontaneous combustion, been frozen in for over a month at Inchon in South Korea and having had to deviate to Saigon, without proper charts of the approaches, in order to land a seriously injured seaman. Many masters, with 25 years more sea-time, would be happy to spin a yarn about just one of these experiences!

Michael J. Paterson (1942-48) who has been promoted to Major in the A.C.C., was present at Boreham Wood on April Fools' Day to see his twin brother, Colin S., turn out for Alan F. Cooper's (1942-46) Veterans' XV.

A.J. (Tony) Pettet (1948/53) whose long-playing services to the O.H.R.F.C., O.H.C.C. and O.H.A.C. were virtually ended at Headstone Lane in May 1965, when he suffered a parted knee ligament while bowling, writes from Toronto, where he has been for some months, after touring the States. Although he hopes possibly to return for a fleeting visit during the summer, he would wish any O.H. over for EXPO 67 to check whether he is "at home". His address is: No. 2318, The Torontonians, 45, Dunfield Avenue, Toronto 13. He sends his regards to all.

Peter J. Stevenson (1939-46), who was recalled to play regularly for the O.H.R.F.C. 1st XV, became the second in the Club's history to achieve 500 games — 398 of them in the premier side. Except for 1946/47 (when he was in the forces) Peter has appeared for that team in all the post-war seasons — 21 out of 22.

Anthony A.G. Woodford (1950-56) who is a Sqn.Ldr. R.A.F., was posted to California last September for a two years' tour of duty.

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As anticipated in the last edition of the O.H. Notes the 250th Meeting of the Lodge took place last December with due celebration. We had the great pleasure of welcoming, as honoured guest for the evening, R.W. Bro. Col. Alexander Woods, the Provincial Grand Master of Hertfordshire. At the meeting George Godup was installed as Master of the Lodge for 1967.

Since then we have welcomed as new members E.J. Warren (1939-45), who has recently returned to the U.K. after many years in Canada, and J. Atholl Cochrane (1910-15), already a prominent Freemason in Oxford.

On the other hand we have suffered a severe loss in the death, in April, of Frank Yale who, until his final illness, had never missed a meeting of the Lodge since he first became a member in 1928 — a wonderful record, and we shall miss him.

The Secretary will be very pleased to hear from any Old Boy or Master at the School who is interested in becoming a member.

K.C.H.P.

Ground Committee

The Ground Committee has continued to be responsible for the maintenance and improvement of the playing fields and buildings at Borehamwood. Inevitably, however, its intentions have been limited and have been frustrated by the lack of sufficient funds. Nevertheless during recent months substantial projects have been undertaken, including the re-roofing of the rear part of the clubhouse, the provision of additional drainage in the First XV pitch, and the purchase of a new set of gang mowers. This expenditure has been in total about £700.

As to the immediate future, a suspended ceiling is being constructed in the bar area, thanks to the personal efforts of Robin Mathew, and the cost of this particular scheme is being met by donations, it is hoped largely from the players. It is also intended to re-surface a further area of the car park and, if funds permit, to lay additional drains in the First XV pitch.

As has been customary over many years, work is also carried out by working parties of club members, and during recent weekends a considerable amount of activity has been seen under the enthusiastic personal direction of Keith Leverton.

There always remain new improvements and arrears of maintenance to be done, and all members who take an interest in the ground should bear in mind that in present conditions the only limiting factor is really the availability of finance.

DONKEY DERBY & FETE, 24th June 1967

These notes will not have appeared by the time that this function has taken place, but, by no means forgotten. It is a little like looking into a glass ball at this stage but there will be a full report on the afternoon's activities in our next issue. The Fête Committee would like to express sincere thanks to those many people who so generously supported the Fête in so many different ways.

AROUND THE ASSOCIATION

The 1950-59 Decade Dinner

Fortunately, from the standpoint of the catering facilities at the Clubhouse, the prophesy (made by some members of the decade) that the previous highest attendance would be doubled, did not quite materialise. Nevertheless, on 28th April 1967, Donald Wells presided over a record-breaking attendance of 60 O.H. of the era, plus three guests Dr. T.W. Taylor, Kenneth Blessley (Pres. of the O.H.R.F.C.) and the Registrar.

After the meal, the President said how pleased he was to see everybody, but welcomed, in particular, those who were making rare, or even initial, visits to the Association's H.Q. — in fact, nearly half his audience. He considered it to be an excellent turnout and mentioned the long-distance travellers — Tony Martin (Bristol), Michael Heppner (Nottingham), Howard Smith (Shrewsbury), John Brett (Fakenham), David Bulstrode (Wimborne) and David Webster (Romsey). In other circumstances, Malcolm Tappin would have been included, but as he travels down from Cambridgeshire nearly every Saturday of the winter season (and some in the summer, as well!) one rather tends to regard him as a 'local'. Then, Donald thanked the ladies (Gwen Blessley, Nancy Lyle, Janet McLaren, Scottie Wells and Patricia Vacher) for their ministrations in the rather difficult circumstances caused by the exceedingly cramped spaces between tables. His audience showed their entire approval. Finally, a special word of thanks to John Hanson who again made himself responsible for the ordering of the food — as he has done for the three previous decade dinners.

The decade was represented by:

M.W.Andrews (1950)
J.K.Babey (1957)
M.J.Baker (1952)
J.M.Berry (1956)
G.C.Bird (1958)
M.J.Bovington (1951)
J.Brett (1953)

J.D.Harris (1958)
M.Heppner (1955)
J.N.Honey (1952)
R.G.Howe (1958)
J.Hutchinson (1951)
B.G.Kibble (1953)
M.P.Kimber (1952)

J.R.Parker (1956)
C.N.Postle (1951)
I.Powell (1953)
R.A.Rant (1959)
D.J.Semlyen (1959)
P.C.Shiells (1952)
T.A.Sichel (1958)

D.W.Bulstrode (1955)
 R.H.S.Cattle (1957)
 J.A.Churchland (1957)
 E.K.C.Clements (1958)
 B.H.J.Coe (1953)
 H.E.Couch (1954)
 R.D.Coulthard (1952)
 A.E.N.Curtis (1956)
 K.L.Davies (1955)
 A.J.Davison (1953)
 P.J.Egan (1956)
 J.W.Feltqn (1956)
 J.M.Gibson (1951)
 S.Goldstone (1950)
 N.C.Gray (1957)
 J.J.Hanson (1954)

R.M.Kipps (1955)
 D.J.Leverton (1953)
 K.H.Leverton (1955)
 R.F.Leverton (1956)
 J.C.Lord (1955)
 M.C.Lumsden (1952)
 D.A.Lundie (1950)
 R.B.Lyle (1955)
 A.D.Mackeggie (1959)
 D.J.Mackeggie (1955)
 A.S.Martin (1950)
 D.J.McLaren (1955)
 K.A.McLaren (1956)
 C.W.Morton (1955)
 R.D.Munn (1957)
 G.K.Ogden (1957)

A.N.Simpson (1957)
 I.C.Smart (1957)
 H.S.Smith (1956)
 M.W.R.Steele (1959)
 D.L.Stern (1952)
 P.Stewart (1957)
 C.A.St.John (1958)
 M.Tappin (1955)
 P.J.S.Vacher (1955)
 J.W.Valentine (1959)
 D.J.Walker (1956)
 J.W.Wallis (1951)
 W.P.Watson (1957)
 D.Webster (1957)
 G.T.Wheal (1955)
 M.E.Williamson (1950)

Unfortunately, G.P.Brigg (1956), J.Littlewood (1959), J.G.Walker (1954) and M.R.Witheridge (1957) although expected, were unable to attend.

W.R.T.

O.H.A. ANNUAL DINNER

On 3rd February 1967 a record number of 165 Old Haberdashers gathered at the Haberdashers' Hall for the 69th Annual Dinner of the Association. This year an especially strong Dinner Sub-Committee took particular care over sending out the invitations to this Function. The Company Officials were pleasantly amazed to see even the gallery in the Hall completely occupied. After an excellent Dinner the Toast to the Worshipful Company of Haberdashers was proposed by Ellis Cinnamon, the Vice President. The reply was made by the Master, Col. and Alderman Sir Cuilum Welch, Bt., O.B.E., M.C.

Your Committee is sure that the occasion was made all the more enjoyable by the quite remarkable response that was made to the invitations and they look forward to next year in the hope that this function will be equally successful.

O.H.R.F.C. Annual Dance:

The annual Dance of the Rugger Club was again held this year at the Sparrowhawk in Edgware on Friday, the 3rd March, 1967, when approximately 130 members of the Rugger Club and their friends attended. The music was provided by Brian Fredericks and his band.

After dancing had been in progress for some hours, the usual excellent buffet was served by the Sparrowhawk Hotel. During this buffet tickets were sold for a raffle which this year replaced the more normal Tombola. Over 50 prizes were presented for this raffle and the ticket sellers consequently did a roaring trade.

After the buffet had been completed, dancing continued until 1 a.m., with the exception of half an hour at 11.30 p.m., when the eagerly awaited appearance of the Gayetimers Cabaret was made.

St. Valentine's and End of Season Dances :

Since the last edition to these notes the Association has held two more dances at the Clubhouse in Boreham Wood – the St. Valentine's Dance on February 4th, and the End of Season Dance on the 22nd April.

These dances were attended by between 150 and 200 people who once more enjoyed themselves to the full. It is becoming a tradition at these dances that the Clubhouse should be gaily decorated, and during the preceeding weeks before both dances, the Social Committee and helpers were out in full force doing just that. For the St. Valentine's Dance, the Clubhouse was smothered in hearts in varying sizes and colours which unaccountably all disappeared during the course of the evening. In North West London there must be a considerably number of broken hearts left lying around!

For the end of Season Dance, the Committee erected a false ceiling along the whole length of the Clubhouse.

During the St. Valentine's Dance, music was provided by the most popular Alexander Relations Group, and for the End of Season Dance a change was made in the group in that for the first time the music was provided by the Whisky In T Group. Both of these groups quickly got the dances going, and the floor was continually filled with the usual throng of twisting figures.

Buffets were of course provided during both evenings with the help of the wives and girlfriends of the Social Committee members. In view of the speed with which the Buffets were consumed, it is assumed that they were enjoyed – at least that appeared to be the case.

At about 12.30 a.m. the dancers were reluctantly called to a halt, not through their own inclination, but due to the near exhaustion of the two groups who had of course been playing almost continually since 8.30 p.m.

WINE AND CHEESE PARTY

The occasion of the Wine and Cheese Party on the 20th May, 1967, gave the President of the Association and his wife a pleasant opportunity to meet many Committee Members and their ladies in what was, for Borehamwood on a Saturday evening, an unusually quiet but slightly formal atmosphere. In addition, we were pleased to welcome again some less familiar faces particularly Jimmy Green and Arthur Wiltshire.

The candlelit Pavilion, with a background of soft music, complemented the excellent display of cheese and other food, which had been delightfully prepared by Jackie Robinson (with some help from Chris). Some fine floral arrangements by Gwen Blessley further enhanced the setting, which was fully appreciated by all the 75 members and friends present. Everyone was equally quick to appreciate the subtle variations in the flavour of

the eight or so wines which were offered for their enjoyment. Perhaps, for some, mixing the grape with the hop later in the evening accounted for their ill feeling the next morning.

Too soon, however, the candles had burnt down, the bottles were emptied and only the debris remained on the tables. The first of what one hopes will be many equally successful Wine and Cheese Parties had ended. The appreciation of all who attended this function is due to the members of the Social Committee and their ladies who made the evening such an enjoyable one.

NEW MEMBERS

Since the last issue of the Notes No.150 the following gentlemen have been admitted to membership of the Association:—

M.A.Abrahams	(46)	14 Silverston Way, Stanmore, Middx.
B.J.Bailey	(61)	27, Downside Crescent, Belsize Park, London, N.W.3.
J.M.Barnes	(65)	29, Harrow View, Harrow, Middx.
R.V.Billington	(65 Dec)	14 Cassiobury Park Avenue, Watford, Herts.
G.R.Bottoms	(66 Dec)	19 Wheatley Way, Chalfont St.Peter, Bucks.
R.C.P.Brookhouse	(63)	12 Sunnysdale Gardens, Mill Hill, London, N. W. 7.
P.C.Chambers	(66 Dec)	86, Pilgrims Way, Wembley, Middx.
D.G.Chandler	(56)	12 Church Drive, North Harrow, Middx.
G.P.Davies	(66)	25, Victorian Grove, Stoke Newington, London, N.16.
M.E.Eades	(66)	28, Ravensdale Avenue, Woodside Park, London, N.12.
H.M.Excell	(34)	20, Rowben Close, Totteridge, London, N.20.
J.M.A.Grubb	(66)	Townsend Close, Bilton, Rugby, Warwicks.
G. Haller	(66)	44, Princes Park Avenue, London, N.W.11.
P.T.Howells	(65)	2, Green Lane, Oxhey, Herts.
P.B.Jones	(59)	17, Priory Road, Lower Compton, Plymouth, Devon.
R.W.Lamb	(66)	6, Colwyn Road, Cricklewood, London, N.W.2.
R.J.E. Marks	(65)	28, Midholm, London, N.W.11.
J.C.Maynard	(65)	California House, California Lane, Bushey Heath, Herts.
M.P.Mire	(65 Dec)	116, Walm Lane, London, N.W.2.
M. Pritchard	(60 Prep)	59, Sunnyfield, Mill Hill, London, N.W.7.
P.L.Redstone	(65)	13, Appledore Close, Edgware, Middx.
M.P.Rouse	(66)	30, West Drive, Harrow Weald, Middx.
H.C.Seymour	(66)	14, Woodberry Way, Woodside Park, London, N.12.
H.S.Smith	(56)	6 Croft Close, Mill Hill, London, N.W.7.
N.S.Usiskin	(65 Dec)	11, Mapesbury Road, London, N.W.2.
M.J.Vandenburg	(66 Dec)	103, Cheviot Gardens, London, N.W.2.
P.W. Van Heeswyk	(66 Dec)	99, Harrowes Meade, Edgware, Middx.
J.W.Wallis	(51)	88, Braithwaite Gardens, Stanmore, Middx.
R.J.Wells	(62 Dec)	75, Colindale Avenue, London, N.W.9.
A.P.Whittle (63)	(63)	Silver Birches, Gills Hill Lane, Radlett, Herts.
C.J.Withers	(66)	31, Redhill Drive, Edgware, Middx.

Club News

O.H. ATHLETIC CLUB

President: R.A. Phillips, Esq., M.B.E. *Captain:* Julian R. Irwin
Hon. Secretary: Roger M. Simons, 74, West Street, Harrow on the Hill, Middx. Tel: BYR 8434

The trend set in the summer months unfortunately continued into December when we competed in the 'Thames Hare and Hounds Old Boys' Cross Country Race. As we were unable to complete a team the Club was unplaced. We have, however, already been invited to compete in this year's race which will be held on Saturday December 16th over 5 miles of Wimbledon Common. Any person interested in taking part is asked to contact me as soon as possible — let's not repeat the 1966 result.

During this summer we are competing in 9 fixtures including 4 as a part of the Old Boy's (Athletic) League, the Old Boys Relays at Harrow, and Championships at Merton, and the annual match against the School.

From the initial response of members this year I feel that the Club should do better than last.
J.R.I.

O.H. CANOE-KAYAK CLUB

Hon. Secretary: John E. Freeman, 20, Woodberry Gardens, Finchley, N.12. Tel. HIL 3679.

The club is now under way as a properly affiliated club and the last few months have been mainly concentrated on getting the club on its feet.

On the active side we have only as yet had one trip but there is another in the offing and several members have been active in the competition field with several doing quite well. Mike Hillyard was unlucky not to be in the British team for an international slalom at Zwickau in East Germany but this was mainly due to not being able to compete in either of the events at which the team was selected.

We are only a small club at present but anybody who would like to join should write to the Secretary who will only be pleased to give further details.
J.E.F.

O.H. CRICKET CLUB

President: D.G. Kenward, Esq., *Captain:* I.C. Smart.
Secretary: C.J. Robinson, 83, Norman Crescent, Pinner, Middlesex. Tel. No. 01-866 4016.

At the time of writing these notes the Cricket Season is allegedly one month old, though it would appear that the weather Gods are not in agreement with this statement as it has been practically impossible to play any cricket at all due to the deluge of rain which has fallen during the month of May. To date only three games have been played, one each by the First Eleven,

Second Eleven and Sunday Eleven. Of these the Sunday Eleven beat Knotty Green by four wickets, the First Eleven beat Amersham Hill by approximately 30 runs, and the second Eleven lost to Amersham Hill.

This year the Cricket Club have a new First Eleven Captain and a new Vice-Captain for the First Eleven, in Ian Smart and Barry Albone respectively. It is confidently expected that under the guidance of these two new officials this season will be one of the best yet to be enjoyed by the O.H.C.C.

In this connection we are very pleased to welcome several new members to the Club, who have recently left school, and we sincerely hope that they, together with all of the older members, have an enjoyable and successful season. Our links with the school cricket are now closer than ever before and we are most confident that the Cricket Club is now in a position of growth as a result of these strong links forged with the school.

Once the weather relents we hope to play attractive and interesting cricket and we are giving below a list of our forthcoming fixtures during the remainder of the season to be played at the ground at Boreham Wood, to which all spectators are most welcome -

Saturdays

July 1	Harpenden Ferndale
8	School
15	Old Cholmelians
22	Jordans
29	Albanian Association
Aug. 5	New Acme
12	Old Paulines
19	H.S.A. Hatfield
26	Old Elizabethans
Sept. 2	Headstone

Sundays

July 9	Old Fullarians
16	President's XI
23	North Mymms 2nd XI
30	U.S.S. Old Boys
Aug. 6	Radlett 2nd XI
13	Elstree
20	Shealey
27	North-Western Polytechnic

Any members who wish to play cricket during the season should contact the Secretary, whose name and address are as given above.

C.J.R.

R.F.U. - M.C.R.F.U. - HERTS C.R.F.U.

FOUNDED 1923

President: K.H.Blessley, Esq., M.B.E.

Captain: J.J.Hanson

Hon. Secretary: A.T.White, 19 Cannonbury Ave.,
Pinner, Middlesex.

Hon. Treasurer: D.A.James, 35 Furham Field,
Hatch End, Middlesex.

The playing record of the Club for the 1966/67 season is:

	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
1st XV	32	8	5	19	155	290
'A' XV	25	5	6	14	96	293
Ex 'A' XV	24	12	2	10	211	159
'B' XV	22	10	1	11	176	272
'B' 2 XV	2	2	--	--	49	11

Ex 'B' XV	20	4	3	13	103	255
'C' XV	18	6	1	11	151	269
Skylarks XV	5	3	1	1	62	29

Although the record is a little disappointing, it is very similar to several other Clubs with fixture lists of like strength and who would also count themselves in the top ten amongst the London Old Boys Clubs. Only on very rare occasions have the 1st XV played with anything like their full potential and John Hanson has had a most difficult year especially as he has been without his vice-captain, John Parker, for the whole season through injury. With little new material coming from the School, his successor will have the same problems, in particular the lack of a fly half. The 'A' XV have had a poor season, though several games were only lost by the narrowest of margins. However, both the Ex 'A' under Michael Bovington and the 'B' under Paul Watson have done reasonably well, the former being the only regular side to finish with more games won than lost. The Ex 'B' and 'C' XVs have also had their troubles, not the least being the inability to field a full side. The leading points scorers for the sides are: 1st XV - Melvin Steele 74; 'A' XV - Jeremy Bartlett 17, John Matthewman 11 (in one game); Ex 'A' XV - John Stagg 59, Mike Ewer 17; 'B' XV - Alan Woolstone 22, Hassan Razwi 14, Richard Tucker 21; Ex 'B' XV - Ian Smart 35; 'C' XV - Nobbly Tanner 25.

During the season Nigel Fuller became the sixth in the Club's history to achieve 300 appearances for the 1st XV. Coincidentally, this was at Kidbrooke where Dick Cook had reached the same mile-post in 1964/65. Three matches later, against the Old Millhillians, John Hanson became the eighth O.H. to play 250 games for the 1st XV, and Melvin Steele also passed his century during the season. The following made their initial appearances during the season: John Ratcliffe, Keith Dunhill, Keith Leverton, Paul Evans, Philip Chambers, Andy Chilcott, Barry Rolfe and Howard Seymour - the last named at Weston while on tour. After a season in the 'C' XV, Peter Stevenson was re-called for the early season Devon tour and has since been moving to within his 400th game. Since he became regularly available in 1948/49, the 1st XV have played 564 matches.

Apart from the excellent win against the Old Alleynians (which levelled the post war contests at 8 each) our meetings with other Old Boys sides have been mainly disappointing. O.M T.s have now scored 11 wins to our one, Millhillians 13 to 5, while Paulines have drawn level at 10 each. The Rutlishians and Whitgiftians each took a lead at 11 - 10 and 8 - 7 respectively and the Askeans victory leaves them one behind at 5 - 4. The Blues were beaten for the fourth time in five years thus making the record 4-14 more respectable. Cranleighans, Dunstonians and U.C.S. all prevented our scoring so that the records remain at 8 - 5, 12 - 4, 18 - 3 in our favour respectively. K.C.S. were beaten for the fourth consecutive year to make the post-war score 17 - 3 to us.

Although 155 O.H. have turned out for the Club this season, 44 of them have played fewer than 5 games each. The nucleus of only just over 100 regular players has made the running of six sides a little difficult at times. However, with the aid of 23 schoolboys (who have filled over 70 places and we are very grateful for their assistance) and University students during the vacations, we haven't had to scratch the 'C' XV since November 19th. Nevertheless, the two bottom sides have only been able to average 14 players per game. Seven sides were fielded on one occasion, 14th January, when 6 schoolboys assisted a victorious 'B'2 XV and three others helped a less successful 'C' XV.

On April Fools Day, Alan Conper mustered 11 players from his record-breaking 1st XVs of 59/60 and 60/61 at Boreham Wood for a veterans game against the Old Rutlishians. Although Marshal Lumsden the architect of many of the 41 victories from 60 games was running the touch-

line, the remainder were still able to demonstrate the art of playing open football.

EASTER TOUR

Thanks to the efforts of Michael Bovington and John Hanson, what was probably the largest O.H. party ever to head to the West Country at Easter were booked in at three hotels in Minehead. Socially our 31st tour was most enjoyable, but the 1st XV were not quite so successful on the field though the Skylarks XV played very well. The results were:—

1st XV versus Bridgwater:	6 — 9	Skylarks versus Nth Petherton	25 — 6.
Wellington:	11 — 11	Wellington:	6 — 3
Weston-super-Mare	0 — 15	Old Morganians	6 — 6



O.H.R.F.C. 1st XV 1966-67

Left to right back row:

J.R. Parker, M.R. Witheridge, J.S. Ratcliffe, N.A. Fuller, P.A. Evans, A. Chittcott, B.R. Ashbone,
K.H. Blessley, Esq., President, 1965-67

Left to right middle row:

M.W.R. Steele, J.O. Boon, J.J. Hanson, Capt., W.J. Beaman and P.J. Stevenson

Left to right front row:

R.F. Leverton, R.M. Kipps, C.P. Menzies and T.L. Evans

Inset: P. Stewart

PERSONALITIES

FRANK JACKMAN (1923-28), who was President of the OHRFC in 1959-60 and is currently President of Hertfordshire R.F.U., was awarded the O.B.E. in the Birthday Honours. Frank captained the Ex A in 1937/8 and last played for the Club in February 1949. CHRIS MENEZIES played for the County Clubs at the beginning of the season ... TONY ALEXANDER, newly married, has moved to the Midlands and is playing for Trentham and is in line for games for Staffordshire ... Marshall Lumsden retired from active football at the end of last season — he made 233 appearances for the 1st XV ... CHRIS BARRATT has emigrated to Australia ... GRAHAM SHEPARD has moved to Cheshire ... JOHN COGGINS, last of the brothers to play regularly, has retired to take up refereeing ... KEITH SCHOLL has moved to Cornwall ... MICHAEL BRAGG has given up following his hovercraft accident ... JON MAPLESDEN played the first game of the season during a fleeting visit from New Zealand .. STEPHEN LAMB, who played so well at the beginning of the season, has taken a job in the States ... ROLAND GRAYSON is now serving with the R.A.F. as is JEREMY BARTLETT.

SEVEN-A-SIDES

The Twelfth annual Old Boys' Seven-a-Side Tournament was held at Boreham Wood on Sunday, 18th September. The Old Birkonians retained the Sunday Times Trophy beating the Old Towcestrians by 25 points to 5 in the final. The next tournament will be held on Sunday, 17th September 1967.

ANNUAL DINNER

Over 200 were present at the Annual Dinner on Saturday, 10th December at the Hendon Hall who, fortunately, improved on the food and their service over previous years — they must have heard we were thinking of dropping them. Our principal guest was Robin Prescott, the Secretary of the Rugby Football Union, who replied to the toast of the Union and the County Unions as proposed by Alan Spores. John Hanson replied to the toast of the Club and Charles Madge (Old Paulines) replied to the toast of the guests. The toast to the President was proposed by John Stagg, to which, of course, the President replied. Our other guests included representatives from Middlesex and Hertfordshire County R.F.U.s, the London and Herts. Referees Societies, and representatives of many of the Old Boys Clubs whom we play. We were very pleased to have the Headmaster with us and also the masters in charge of football at the School together with the Captain of School football and members of the 1st and 2nd School XVs.

GROUND AND PAVILION

We are very grateful to the Ground and Bar Committees for all their work in keeping the ground and pavilion in good order and ensuring an ample supply of food and drinks. There was a period at the end of February when the ground was under water, but although we had to cancel fixtures at Boreham Wood, overall, fewer games have been lost through the weather this season than in previous years. On two Saturdays we were able to have six sides away from home.

SEASON 1967/68:

At our Annual General Meeting at the end of April last, Kenneth Blessley was re elected as our President for the coming season, Nigel Fuller was elected Captain of the Club and Melvin Steele vice-captain of the 1st XV. Fixtures up to the end of the year:-

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Ground</i>
1967		
Sept. 16	Oxford	Oxford
20	Old Alleynians	Dulwich
30	Old Blues	Fairlop
Oct. 7	Stroud	Stroud
14	K.C.S. Old Boys	Boreham Wood
28	Plymouth Albion	Plymouth
Nov. 4	London University	Boreham Wood
11	St. Bart's Hosp.	Boreham Wood
18	Old Paulines	Boreham Wood
25	Old Dunstonians	Langley Park
Dec. 2	Old Edwardians	Boreham Wood
9	Whitgiftians	Boreham Wood
16	Sutton	Boreham Wood
23	Notts	Nottingham
30	London Hospital	Boreham Wood

A.T.W.

TRAINING

The Club are very grateful to the Headmaster for allowing us the use of the School gymnasium for our mid-week training. Such excellent facilities on our door step are a great asset to the Club.

O.H.R.F.C. 1st XV 1966-67

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K.H.Blessley, Esq., President, 1966-67.

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OLD HABERDASHERS' GOLFING SOCIETY

President: Sir Harold Parker, K.C.B., K.B.E., M.C.

Captain: Stanley Thompson

Secretary: Michael Beaman, 159 Latymer Court, W.6. RIV. 1697 and GER. 0488

These notes are written very early in the season and a fuller report of our activities will appear in the next issue of the Skylark. However we are certain of an enjoyable season under the able captaincy of Stanley Thompson who has at last been pressed to accept the post.

We have our usual matches arranged against Old Finchleyans, Old Elysians and U.C.S. Old Boys and new fixtures this year against Old Merchant Taylors and the School, both of which we look forward to retaining on an annual basis in future. The dates of the last few fixtures of the season are:-

Wed. 5th July	Summer Meeting	Finchley
Fri. 14th July	V. O.M.T.	Moor Park
Mon. 17th July	V. The School	Porters Park
Wed. 6th September	Guests Meeting	Hadley Wood
13-15th October	Grafton Morrish Competition	Hunstanton
Sat. 28th October	Autumn Meeting	Ashridge
Fri. 10th November	A.G.M.	Elstree

As always I should be delighted to hear from any Old Boy who would like to attend any of our functions. Masters and boys at the School are also most welcome.

O.H. RIFLE CLUB

M.B.

President: Lt.Col. R.W.Hewson *Captain:* G.F.Peterken

Hon. Treasurer: P.M.A. Peterken, Corpus Christi College, Oxford.

Hon. Secretary: P.L.Redstone, 13 Appledore Close, Edgware, Middx. EDG 5184

Shooting Times: Tuesday evenings 7-10. School Range during winter and on specified occasions during the summer — details from the Secretary.

The O.H.R.C's first winter season as a Hertfordshire club has just ended with a fair measure of success. Entering a rapid fire league for the first time we were optimistically placed in the second of six divisions, yet won with room to spare. The team of N.R.Cooper, B.B.FitzGerald and G.F.Peterken averaged 320 through the season, yet in the shoot-off between division winners (result not yet available) twice scored 333. Two teams were also entered in the usual league. The

B teams performance in loosing all but one of its matches in division 9 need not receive any further comment, but for most of the season it seemed likely that the A team would win division 4. That they were in the end narrowly beaten into third place was due to twice loosing to a low-placed team after beating the better teams.

In addition to the leagues, the club has run a number of competitions for members. These met with encouraging support and have not reached their final stages. Some members entered county competitions: in one of these, G.F.Peterken with 396 was the highest scorer for Middlesex (Queen Alexandra Cup).

During the winter, the club lost the active services of three experienced members, J.A.E. Hunt, M.Winney and D.P.Gilby, and will shortly loose B.P.FitzGerald and G.F.Peterken as a result of moving to other jobs. An exodus of this scale is bound to have a marked effect and there is a danger that the present summer season will be the last of the "fat years" - unless, of course, a number of the present school team retain an active interest in school shooting.

Results:--

Hertfordshire Winter League, Div. 4.

v Ether Engineering A	W 475 - 464	W 478-471
v Bishops Stortford A	W 479 - 472	L 477 - 478
v Tring B	W 478 - 473	L 469 - 474
v Hemel Hemstead C	W 473 - 468	W 476 - 462
v East Barnet D	L 469 - 473	L 479 - 482

Rapid Fire League, Div. 2.

v I.C.T. A	W 317 - 316	W 320 - 314
v Hemel Hempstead C	W 325 - 301	W 320 - 313
v Ether Engineering A	L 312 - 315	W 323 - 297
v St. Albans Police A	W 319 - 301	W 321 - 293
v B.S.E.	W 317 - 301	W 324 - 319

G.F.P.

O.H. RUGBY FIVES CLUB

President: J.R.Newman Esq., *Captain:* J.R.Whittenbury
Hon. Secretary: S.J.Lines, 62 Dalkeilt Grove, Stanmore, Middx. STO 5834

The 1966/67 season has seen the Club continue to consolidate its position, increase its playing membership, and improve its results. The 1st IV. fixture list for 1966/67 was identical to that for the previous season but, with two games scratched by our opponents, we won 12 and lost 10 compared with 11-13 in 1965/66. The Etceteras's IV. won 5 and lost 5 compared with 4-5 and 1 tied in 1965/66.

Our previous report dealt with the early part of the season in which we defeated the R.F.A. Club, won both our matches on the Denstone weekend and lost only very narrowly to the Jesters' Club. The second half of the season did not quite match up in terms of results, and we disappointingly lost at least two matches which should have been won. It was, however, pleasing to defeat the Old Oundelians for the first time in a number of years, and the victory over Bristol University was a good team effort. The Bristol first pair had reached the final of the British Universities championship, but our own first pair of Stark and Whittenbury won both their games against them in the best individual performance of the season.

It has been on the strength of our first pair that the team has been based, but the results have been achieved by every member giving everything that he has, and no match was lost through

lack of effort. As in every earlier season, Club spirit has never faltered and is aided by the enjoyment which we invariably derive from each other's company.

We were represented in all the National and Regional Championships, except in Scotland where our representative had to withdraw. Results were disappointing in this respect, except for the Amateur Doubles where our first pair had an unexpectedly easy win over the Old Whitgiftian first pair, and then in the next round extended to three games and over 90 minutes the semi-finalists of many previous years before losing.

Once again an outsider could be forgiven for regarding the Old Boys' and School Rugby Fives Clubs as one unit in view of the closeness of their association. The School team has practised with us at our Club nights every Tuesday evening, and members have played for us regularly. Such has been the enthusiasm of the School Captain of Fives and his other senior members that the School has nothing to fear when the present team leave, such is the depth of reserves left behind. It was pleasing for us to welcome Mike Clayden to our ranks when he left School at Christmas. Mike was Vice-Captain of School Rugby in addition to his Fives ability, and we are gratified that he should choose to devote his main energies to our Club. We hope that he will make an impact on the game at Cambridge University when he goes up in the Autumn.

The Club Singles competition was again a closely fought affair for our President's salver. There were 16 entries and the results of the later rounds may be summarised as follows:—

Semi-finals	— B.A.Stark beat J.W.Rotheroe	15-5, 15-9
	J.R.Whittenbury beat R.A.Browne	16-15, 11-15, 15-7
Final	— B.A.Stark beat J.R.Whittenbury	16-14, 15-12

In the play-off for third place Rotheroe defeated Browne.

The final was between the same opponents for the sixth successive year, but it was generally agreed that this was the best match. No one knew who the winner was likely to be until the final point had been decided. Roy Newman spoke of the keenness of the contest when he presented his salver to the winner, Basil Blowfield's cup for the runner-up, and the third place trophy, at the dinner which followed. He also spoke of the achievement of the School Captain, Richard Browne not only in attaining fourth place, but in coming so close to defeating both Whittenbury and Rotheroe. There is no doubt that he will pose very different problems next year when he has gained in physical power and experience.

Because Hampstead Squash & Rugby Fives Club was not available for our dinner, the final of our singles competition was transferred to School and the meal followed at the Plough Inn, Elstree. So successful was the move that a similar arrangement has been unanimously requested for next year, and, as usual, the date will be the second Wednesday in May.

We look forward to the future with great confidence. Our fixture lists are to be expanded, and a problem of how to provide sufficient Fives for those who are so enthusiastic about the game now exists. We know that it is only lack of finance that prevents a second and third court being erected at School. We are doing all we can to overcome the problem, but there is still a long way go. Some hundreds of pounds have already been raised by ourselves and anyone who would like to be associated with us is invited to contact the Club Captain. Covenanted donation to the School Rebuilding Fund can be specifically earmarked for the Rugby Fives Fund, and Old Haberdashers are invited to consider transferring their existing bankers' order to the fund account opened solely for this purpose. Any new covenants which are being taken out may be dealt with similarly. In this way you will be helping an Old Haberdashers' Club which has done as much as any to contribute to the prestige of the School in its own particular sport.

Our thanks, as always, are due to the Headmaster for the facilities which he places at our disposal, and the support which we receive from our non-playing members and friends. We are always pleased to hear from others who would like to be more closely associated with us.



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